

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR SEWER COMMISSION MEETING

December 7, 2021

The Sewer Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Jones at 6:30 pm.

In attendance: Ken Clausen, Peter Kruit, Jim Tollas, Dan Bergsten

Operator In Charge: Randy Jones

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

Absent: Scott Carlson, Operator

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Ken Clausen, second Jim Tollas to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2021 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

PAY BILLS: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Ken Clausen to approve paying the bills from November 2021. Motion carried without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report was given to the Sewer Commission for review.

SPEAKERS: Shadley Nelson was present to discuss the reconnection of the sewer service at 4956 S Memorial Drive. He answered questions that the Sewer Commissioners had regarding the business that will be going into the old school building. After a discussion, a motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Randy Jones to charge a one-time reconnection fee of \$1000, hire their own plumber to reconnect to the line, and have the sewer commission supervise and inspect the work. Motion carried without negative vote. After further discussion, an amended motion was made by Jim Tollas, second by Randy Jones to amend the fee from \$1000 to \$500 as well as hire their own plumber to reconnect to the line, and have the sewer commission supervise and inspect the work. Motion carried without negative vote.

OPERATOR'S REPORT: Randy Jones will meet with Benson Electric on Friday, December 10. Randy Jones and Scott Carlson are going to put the motor back in at the pond. Benson Electric will make another 5 horse motor. Randy Jones sat in a one hour waste water training. The training was put on by RCAP with Lisa Totten and will go towards his credits for his certification. One of the topics that was discussed was having a standby charge in cases of houses being vacant or houses being burned down. This could be something to be considered in our ordinances. Randy Jones has been called to Olson Auto multiple times lately for gas smells at the auto body shop. He has tried a charcoal filter. There was a discussion on different solutions and what can be tried in the future.

CLERK'S REPORT: A report was given on the delinquent amounts put on the taxes for 2021. A proposal of the split of the Clerk/Treasurer position was presented to the Sewer Commission. This proposal is something to start considering for the 2023 budget since the 2022 is already completed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Wren Works, Inc. needs to be paid for the completion of the work done at the sewer pond due to the flood damage. A motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Ken Clausen to transfer money from the Sewer Equipment Repair Account to the Sewer Pond Checking to pay the balance of the repairs. Motion carried without negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Jim Tollas to approve the $\frac{3}{4}$ Single Rate request at 9872 E US Hwy 2. Motion carried without negative vote.

There was a discussion on replacing the effluent flow meters. The cost would be approximately \$8495 this year and would be more expensive next year. After a discussion, the topic was tabled until next year.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Jim Tollas, to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, Chairman

Gina Ormond, Clerk/Treasurer

Date:
