

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR SEWER COMMISSION MEETING

February 7, 2023

The Sewer Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Jones at 6:31 pm

In attendance: Ken Clausen, Pete Kruit, Dan Bergsten, Virgil Nelson

Operator: Randy Jones

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Ken Clausen, second Virgil Nelson to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2023. Motion passed without negative vote.

PAY BILLS: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Randy Jones to approve paying the bills from January 2023. Motion passed without negative vote.

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

OPERATOR'S REPORT: The 10 HP at the sewer pond needs repair. It has been worked on but the circuit could be bad as it has been tripping out. Benson Electric will be working on it. One 5 HP isn't working as well. BOD numbers are creeping up. The EPA emailed a survey for Randy Jones to fill out and submit to the DNR. It has really difficult questions such as Capital Plans through 2041, Variance for phosphorus, plans for working on manholes, etc.

CLERK'S REPORT: Since Gina Ormond wasn't at the January 3, 2023 due to recovering from surgery, the minutes from January were reviewed. The topics that need to be put on the agenda for March are discussing rates for maintenance and contact Lisa Totten to see what the process would be to use funds to pay down the principal on the USDA loan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion regarding purchasing a tractor to remove snow at the sewer pond and the lift stations. It was decided to check around and compare prices at different dealerships.
- There was a discussion on hiring someone to shovel at the four lift stations. Pay rate would be \$75.00 to shovel out the four lift stations each time it is needed. The person could also mow and weed whack when necessary in the summer.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Discuss rates for maintenance calls. Discuss the plan to pay down the USDA principal.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Virgil Nelson, to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, Chairman

Gina Ormond, Clerk/Treasurer

Date:
