

# **MINUTES**

## **VILLAGE OF POPLAR SEWER COMMISSION MEETING**

### **May 6, 2025**

The Sewer Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Jones at 5:58 pm

In attendance: Leo Naumann, Dan Bergsten, Adam DeMeyer

Wastewater Operator In Charge: Josh Pearson

Operator In Training: Aidan Paquette

Clerk: Gina Ormond

Treasurer: Wendy Lauenstein

**APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2025 meeting. Motion passed without negative vote.

**PAY BILLS:** A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Leo Naumann to approve paying the bills for April 2025. Motion passed without negative vote.

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

**OPERATOR'S REPORT:** Josh Pearson gave the Operator's Report. Wiikwaibaan Inini completed the maintenance on the lift stations. Dave Sigfrids cleaned the lift stations. We are waiting on a couple of repairs to be completed. The effluent meter was not recording because it was struck by lightening. The insurance company was notified and the claim will be covered. Josh Pearson contacted Norvado regarding having internet at the sewer pond. This will help with knowing what is happening at the sewer pond around the clock.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There should be some news regarding the variance as late as September, through January of next year.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There was a discussion on who would take over as chairperson of the Sewer Commission. Randy Jones has agreed to stay on until May 31, 2025. Leo Naumann has agreed to a 90- day trial basis starting June 1, 2025.
- Wendy Launstein will be mailing out letters with the May sewer statements letting everyone know that Randy Jones is no longer the Wastewater Operator or Sewer Commissioner. Customers should be calling Josh Pearson and Aidan Paquette for assistance moving forward.
- As discussed in the Operator's Report, the insurance will cover the insurance claim covered by the lightening strike damage done to the effluent meter.
- The Sewer Commission agreed that it would be a great idea to have Norvado put in at the sewer pond.
- The Sewer Commission agreed to hire Hydro Klean to repair the two manholes that need to be done. The price is approximately \$8000.
- Randy Jones presented modifications to the sewer code to include penalty language and dollar amounts for sewer code violations.
- A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Dan Bergsten to go into closed session to discuss the probationary review for Aidan Paquette. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Adam DeMeyer to come out of closed session from discussing the probationary review for Aidan Paquette. Motion carried without negative vote.

- A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Dan Bergsten, to raise Aidan Paquette's wages to \$22.00/hour and end the probationary period. Motion carried without negative vote.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Approve Norvado hookup at Sewer Pond

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Leo Nauman, second Adam DeMeyer, to adjourn at 6:38 PM. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, Chairman

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date:

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