

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF POPLAR SEWER COMMISSION MEETING
September 4, 2026

The Sewer Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairman Leo Naumann at 6:00 pm

In attendance: Leo Naumann, Dan Bergsten

Operator in Charge (OIC): Josh Pearson

Operator: Aaron Lenmark

Clerk: Gina Ormond

Treasurer: Wendy Lauenstein

Absent: Adam DeMeyer

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Leo Naumann to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2026 meeting. Motion passed without negative vote.

PAY BILLS: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Leo Naumann to approve paying the August 2026 bills. Motion passed without negative vote.

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

OPERATOR'S REPORT: Josh Pearson was at the sewer hookup for Logan Jones. Everything went ok. Aaron Lenmark has been doing the testing and dropping it off at the hardware store to be sent out for testing. Josh Pearson had a meeting with Cody Fechtelkotter at the Northwestern School District. Cody Fechtelkotter was concerned about the products that they were using that added excess phosphorus into the sewer. Josh Pearson suggested a few products that could be used to help eliminate some of the phosphorus that is being discharged. The new sewer permit is in effect on October 5, 2026. Aaron Lenmark is working on the locates. Josh Pearson was involved with the inspections of the grinder pumps and the panels for the customers who owed them and now the village will be taking over replacing and maintaining them.

CLERK'S REPORT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Dan Bergsten to approve a \$1.00 / hour raise for Aaron Lenmark. He has completed his probationary period. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Dan Bergsten to approve the sewer hookup for Tom Bellanger – corrected application. Motion carried without negative vote.
- There was a discussion on the letter that Josh Pearson drafted for the excess phosphorus discharged by the Northwestern School District. This will be monitored on the billing for the testing and billed accordingly.
- There was a discussion on putting a cleanout by Steve and Kris Westerlund's property on Presley Drive. This will be the best option instead of putting in a manhole for sewer hookup.
- Josh Pearson requested that the money budgeted for manholes in 2026 be used for pumps and repairs instead of manhole repairs. This will be an item for agenda next month.

- There was a discussion regarding the contract between the Village of Poplar and SYCOM, Inc. Tony from A.G. O'Brien Plumbing and Heating will be ordering the grinder pumps and inventory from SYCOM, Inc. A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Dan Bergsten to approve the contract. Motion was carried without negative vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Discuss and vote on using the money from the repairs for manholes in the 2026 budget for grinder pumps and repairs.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Leo Naumann, to adjourn at 6:16 PM. Motion carried without negative vote.

Leo Naumann, Chairman

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date:
