Water Pollution Control Authority

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2022

MINUTES

Members Present: Daniel Parisi, Leonard Descheneaux, Aaron Foster *, Paul Gilbert *

Members Absent: Shawn Koehe


*Via Zoom

1. Call to Order

Chairman Daniel Parisi called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

2. Citizen’s Forum (non-agenda items)

Seth Bahler of Oakridge Dairy brought forth a proposal to the Board to run a sewer line from a barn that they own on Meadow Brook Rd to the Meadow Brook Pump Station. The sewer line would cross properties that are owned by the dairy and would be approximately 2,000 ft. The thought behind it is that they need to grow but have no space currently. This would be a stepping stone to the long range plan of extending the sewer down Maple Street to Jobs Hill Rd that they are still interested in, but is far into the future. Mr. Webb stated that this is a force main and can handle the flow, the properties crossed by the line would have to be put into the sewer service area, and this would be a metered system. Mr. Bahler stated that he anticipated 15,000 gallons per week. There was discussion regarding if the pump station needs to be improved to handle the flow. It was confirmed that the electrical would have to be upgraded to 3 phase and that the pumps may need to be replaced. Mr. Bahler agreed to come back in February and this would be an agenda item.

3. Approval of the December 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENEAUX) AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2021 MEETING. (FOSTER ABSTAINED).

4. Old Business

1. Deduct Meters, update

No update at this time.

2. Calculation of Additional flow purchases
MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENAUX) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE NEW VERSION OF THE HOCKANUM SEWER SHED AVAILABLE FLOW CHARGE GRAPH BY F&O DATED JANUARY 4, 2022.

3. West Road additional flow, car wash

No update at this time.

4. ARP Funding update

Mr. Webb told the Board that the committee met on January 6 and reviewed the proposals submitted. The next meeting is scheduled for March 3. Since the January meeting, the Federal government opened up the fund and relaxed the guidelines. All government upgrades are acceptable for funding. The Town has until 2026 to spend the money.

5. 2022-2023 Budget update

The 2022-2023 budget was reviewed and Mr. Webb stated that this budget requires no need to use infrastructure and maintenance reserves. The depreciation figure for the Crystal Lake system will be removed.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENAUX) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE 2022-23 HOCKANUM SYSTEM BUDGET FOR $2,754,108 AS PRESENTED.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENAUX) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE 2022-23 CRYSTAL LAKE SYSTEM BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $232,753 AFTER REMOVING THE DEPRECIATION.

5. New Business:
   1. Crystal Lake Pump Station/beach area improvements (discussion)

Mr. Webb told the Board that the Recreation Director submitted a proposal for an upgrade to the Crystal Lake Beach area through the ARPA funds. There was discussion and the WPCA may want to cosponsor this project to move it forward as it relates to the pump station. The pumps would have to be changed and the controls moved out of the building. Mr. Gilbert asked that Tim Webb send to the members a synopsis of what he feels would be the scope of work.

6. Administrative
   1. Fuss & O’Neill, Project Updates and Billing

Marshal Gaston of F&O delivered a package for tonight’s meeting for the members to look over and approve at the next meeting. Mr. Gilbert pointed out that next month there will be two packages to approve, one from tonight and the other from November. Mr. Gaston pointed out that he dropped the amendment and charged it to the I&I study.
MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENEAX) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF FUSS & O'NEILL INVOICE 0237657 IN THE AMOUNT OF $412.40.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENEAX) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE FUSS & O'NEILL INVOICE 0237659 IN THE AMOUNT OF $247.50.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE FUSS & O'NEILL INVOICE 0237886 IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,038 FOR TASK 6A.

2. Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports
   i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

   Pump station inspections are being done as well as grinder pump issues being taken care of due to the cold weather. One resident rebuilding their house covered over the grinder pump and had to uncover it.

   ii. Other

   It was requested that I&I be added to the agenda for next month.

7. Misc. Communications

   Mr. Webb requested that the February meeting be moved from February 16 to February 23 due to a conflict with another board meeting in town.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CANCEL THE FEBRUARY 16 REGULAR MEETING AND SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 23 AT 6:30 PM.

Adjournment

MOVED (DESCHENEAX) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Smith
Recording Clerk