

January 17, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Sewerage District was held at the office of the Auburn Sewer District, 268 Court Street, on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 4:00pm.

Members present: Robert Cavanagh, Joseph DeFilipp, Raymond Fortier, Heidi McCarthy (President) Stephen Ness, Charles Sheehan (Treasurer) and Andrew Titus (Mayor's Representative). Also present: Sid Hazelton, Superintendent, Michael Broadbent, Assistant Sewer Superintendent and Greg Leighton of Maine Water Company.

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Stephen Ness it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2016.**

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Stephen Ness, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of December 15, 2016.**

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Stephen Ness, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of December 15, 2016.**

FINANCIAL REPORT – Revenues are down by about \$226,000 for the year some of which was made up by favorable expenses. The District is looking at a negative budget variance of \$121,735 and \$820,000 cash on hand. The 2016 audit is scheduled for the third week in February.

RATIFY PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Joseph DeFilipp, seconded by Charles Sheehan, it was unanimously voted: **To ratify the payment of bills in the amount of 143,708.71 as shown on the printout dated December 9, 2016- January 11, 2017.**

OPEN SESSION – K C Geiger, Auburn Water District Trustee, was in attendance.

ACTIVITY REPORT – The December activity report was presented by Michael Broadbent.

NEW BUSINESS

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE SPRING BOND ISSUE

On motion of Joseph DeFilipp, seconded by Raymond Fortier, it was unanimously voted: **To authorize the issuance of a Bond not to exceed \$1,000,000.**

LAWPCA COMPOST FACILITY GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION – A letter from DEP emphasized the need to address a long-standing issue of nitrite contamination of groundwater from the leaking biofilter. It is not feasible to dig and repair the leak. LAWPCA must find an alternate method of odor control. The LAWPCA Trustees will hold a special meeting to discuss the letter and formulate a response to DEP.

2017 PROJECT PLANNING –. The District is in the planning stages of replacing the Green Turtle Pump Station which involves land negotiations with the airport, designing the pumps, wet well, valve pit and a bypass pump system to be used during installation. The District plans to do this work in March prior to the 2017 construction season. The District is looking to re-line 9300' of pipe on Cook St, Lake St., and Eighth St. which will include fifteen new manholes.

LAWPCA APPORTIONMENT & FINANCIALS – Auburn is currently at 37%. The District is moving forward with the budgeted 60% (Lewiston) 40% (Auburn) split.

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To move into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C) to discuss negotiations of a potential property transaction.**

On motion of Joseph DeFilipp, seconded by Charles Sheehan, it was unanimously voted: **To come out of Executive Session.**

On motion of Raymond Fortier, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To adjourn the meeting.**

Approved: February 21, 2017

A true record:

Attest: _____


Clerk