

April 18, 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, April 18, 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, Mike Broadbent, Assistant Superintendent and Greg Leighton of Maine Water Company.

On motion of Stephen Ness, seconded by Raymond Fortier, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2017.**

FINANCIAL REPORT – Consumption is down and revenues are down about \$22,000. There is a lot of timing at this point in the year. The District now owns the vactor truck. The District has \$900,000 cash on hand.

RATIFY PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Raymond Fortier, it was unanimously voted: **To ratify the payment of bills in the amount of \$411,772.33 as shown on the printout dated March 11, 2017- April 12, 2017.**

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

ACTIVITY REPORT – The backup generator at the Washington St. pump station had a leak losing about 200 gallons of oil. The DEP was on site. A few truckloads of material was excavated and removed from the site for disposal. The oil was trapped in stone and will most likely dissipate. The crew will walk the stream bed weekly to keep an eye out for seepage. It appears that costly remediation will be avoided.

NEW BUSINESS

CSO #005 - The Festival Plaza CSO was re-opened last fall in response to overflows that occurred during large rain events. The District, with DEP approval, will be re-licensing the CSO to avoid future violations of its discharge permit. Part of the re-licensing involves a plan for how the District will address its closure. The District plans to use a new flow monitoring device called an ADS ECHO to locate sources of storm water inflow at a cost of \$2,000 per unit. The device will provide real time information and sits inside the manhole cover and is easy to move. The District currently owns 2 flow shark systems which cost \$10,000. They could be set up permanently. Trustee Heidi McCarthy inquired about the possibility of renting the units. The units have a 5-year battery life and not re-chargeable. Mr. Titus does not want it to be a costly budget item over the years to come.

On motion of Joseph DeFilipp, seconded by Stephen Ness, it was unanimously voted: **To purchase two (2) ADS ECHO level monitors.**

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN – The Mayor wrote a letter which appeared in the Twin City Times which was critical of the District’s lack of cooperation efforts. Superintendent Hazelton met with Mary Sylvester to discuss the development of a Communication Plan. It was thought the District could develop a Facebook page. Superintendent Hazelton would like to contact the Sun-Journal to publish a series of stories about the Districts. Through Facebook we could post construction schedules informing the public of what projects will take place and why. We could also post educational videos.

The Trustees agreed that the District should move forward with the adoption of a Communication Plan and a Facebook page.

LAWPCA APPORTIONMENT & FINANCIALS – Due to a reduction in flow from Cascades closure the apportionment is at 36% Auburn and 64% Lewiston.

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATE –The crews have been busy locating dead-end sewer lines and installing manholes on Cook St. in preparation for the lining project.

REORGANIZATION UPDATE – Cole Hayford who has a Class A driver’s license was hired to replace Charles Young.

SALARY SURVEY UPDATE - The Water District Trustees tabled the salary survey discussion pending a review of the last salary survey.

On motion of Stephen Ness, 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 Charles Sheehan, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To come out of Executive Session.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkwater

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Approved: May 16, 2017

A true record:

Attest: _____

[Signature]
Clerk