

October 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, October 17, 2017.

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 and Mike Broadbent, Assistant Superintendent.

Absent: Greg Leighton, Finance Manager

On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Raymond Fortier, it was voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2017.**

FINANCIAL REPORT/ SID HAZELTON – Gallons sold are down by about 12% and revenues are off by 1 ½%. We will miss budget by about \$75,000 as a result of under estimating the Cascades annual impact on sales. The reduction in past dues is looking good. The sewer payroll should even out by year end.

RATIFY PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Joseph DeFilipp, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To ratify the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,135,843.41 as shown on the printout dated September 1, 2017- September 30, 2017.**

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

ACTIVITY REPORT –. The Lake Street main replacement has been completed. We ran into ledge in the Fern to Beacon section of the project which held us up causing some delay in the project. There will be a lot of manhole activity in the Spring when all the streets get paved. The new Terms & Conditions have reduced the number of delinquents. An attempt to contact the customer prior to disconnect has greatly reduced the number of actual turn-offs.

NEW BUSINESS

DRAFT BUDGET –The new health insurance premiums for 2018 have not been released. Superintendent Hazelton has reached out to both the Maine Municipal Association and Cross Insurance. We will have a solid detail draft 2018 budget available for discussion at the November meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES – The Gillander Ave. and Gamage Ave. lining projects will take place around the first two weeks in December. We have not had much rain and have not been able to chase the I/I issues. We are waiting for a decision and approval by the airport to move forward with the cross-country line. This will be good winter work.

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LAWPCA BIOSOLIDS PROGRAM AWARD – The sludge is 95% land applied at farms around the area. Cassella Organics has had a good relationship with the farmers. LAWPCA considered two proposals and awarded the 3-year contract to Casella Organics.

LAWPCA APPORTIONMENT & FINANCIALS – A new split of 62% (Lewiston) and 38% (Auburn) split was approved at the LAWPCA meeting. The intent is to break even at year end.

OLD BUSINESS

911 COMMUNICATIONS TOWER UPDATE - This has taken a little longer than anticipated. We want to get a document in place that will avoid future litigation issues.

On motion of Joseph DeFilipp, seconded by Stephen Ness, it was unanimously voted: **To authorize Superintendent Hazelton to sign the Lease Agreement once it has been finalized.**

AUDITOR – A joint bid with LAWPCA was sent to several bidders. We have received four proposals which are currently being reviewed. A recommendation will be made at the November meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS OF POTENTIAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C)

On motion of Joseph DeFilipp, seconded by Stephen Ness, it was unanimously voted: **To move into Executive Session to discuss negotiations of potential property transaction.**

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

Superintendent Hazelton will clarify the existing set backs and zoning for the Nash property.

Superintendent Hazelton showed the Trustees some Auburn highlights.

The possibility of a workshop on December 5th to discuss health insurance and the budget was suggested.

Richard Whitlock is retiring after 31 years of service with the District. A “Meet & Greet” is being planned for November 15th at Gipper’s from 5:00-8:00pm

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: November 21, 2017

A true record:

Attest: _____

Clerk