

December 19, 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, December 19, 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 (Maine Water Company), Finance Manager.

On motion of Raymond Fortier, seconded by Charles Sheehan, it was voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2017.**

FINANCIAL REPORT- There have been a couple of new sewer connections. The District will miss budget by about \$27,000. LAWPCA will be favorable by year end. The District has \$1.5 million cash on hand.

RATIFY PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Charles Sheehan, it was unanimously voted: **To ratify the payment of bills in the amount of \$284,083.57 as shown on the printout dated November 1, 2017- November 30, 2017.**

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

ACTIVITY REPORT – We are getting ready for the airport sewer project. The Gamage Ave. and Gillander Ave. lining projects have been completed. It appears that the District has not met the threshold for FEMA reimbursement of expenses related to the recent storm event. As soon as we correct the punch list items, the District will receive the Shape Award and be re-certified.

NEW BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATES – The District has contracted with Ted Berry to install an HDPE pipe through the existing sleeve under the airport's main runway. There are no conflicting utilities. The materials for the project have been ordered.

We are coordinating with the MDEP to repair the damage to our property at the Moose Brook Pump Station.

We will have several manholes to adjust on Minot Ave., Lake St. and Cook St. next year.

Dye testing has revealed some serious I/I issues on Dexter Ave.

LAWPCA APPORTIONMENT & FINANCIALS – A new split of 62% (Lewiston) and 38% (Auburn) split was approved at the LAWPCA meeting. This apportionment will be kept for the remainder of the year.

Contract negotiations for the LAWPCA employees are going well and we hope to ratify a 3-year contract by year end.

2018 BUDGET REVIEW –

A change was made to the LAWPCA line item which lowers the budget by about \$27,000.

Some discussion followed about the 2% COLA proposed in the budget. The sewer Trustees were comfortable with the budget as presented.

K C Geiger told the sewer Trustees that he would be recommending a 0% COLA. He felt that keeping the current health plan, even with a 14.46% increase, was an increase in employee benefits. Mr. Titus did say that we somehow need to make some changes.

Trustee Heidi McCarthy asked for a history of COLA adjustments which Superintendent Hazelton did provide.

Superintendent Hazelton recommended that we remain with Cross Insurance this year and consider the possibility of going back to the Maine Municipal Association for health benefits in the future.

Trustee Stephen Ness said that the District needs to put in place what we have already agreed to and start the process earlier next year.

OLD BUSINESS

911 COMMUNICATIONS TOWER UPDATE – East Coast Communications of Gorham has been awarded the bid for the Radio Antenna Tower and Communication Building at Goff Hill.

PURCHASE OF 17 SO. GOFF ST. (Nash property) The Broken Gavel Auction Company will salvage reusable items from the building and the proceeds will be applied towards the cost of demolition. We received a quote of \$30,000 to demolish the building. We are considering performing the demolition with in-house crews.

CSO MASTER PLAN - The progress update to the MDEP on the 5 year extension to our 15 year Clean Water Act Master Plan has been postponed by the DEP to January, 2019.

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Stephen Ness, it was unanimously voted:
To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

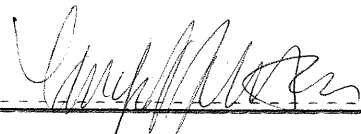
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Approved: January 16, 2018

Attest:

A true record:


Clerk