

January 15, 2019

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 15, 2019 at 4:00pm.

Members present: Robert Cavanagh, Joseph DeFilipp, Heidi McCarthy (President), Stephen Ness (Treasurer) and Charles Sheehan. Also present: Sid Hazelton, Superintendent, Michael Broadbent, Assistant Superintendent and Greg Leighton, Finance Manager.

Absent : Raymond Fortier
Andrew Titus

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Joseph Defilipp, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2018.**

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of December 19, 2018.**

On motion of Joseph DeFilipp, seconded by Charles Sheehan, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of December 19, 2018.**

FINANCIAL REPORT –The District ended the year with a positive budget variance of \$83,000. Metered sales were down but expenses were favorable. Cash on hand at year end was \$1.6 million.

RATIFY PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Stephen Ness, it was unanimously voted: **To ratify the payment of bills in the amount of \$158,209.89 as shown on the printout dated December 1, 2018- December 31, 2018.**

OPEN SESSION – Tanya Johnson, Office Manager and K C Geiger, Auburn Water District Trustee, were in attendance.

ACTIVITY REPORT – The lift stations are being winterized. A stretch of main on Gill St. has been re-lined. The sewer issue at Jack Ray's is behind us as MMA determined that the District was not at fault for the sewer backup.

The District received quotes for a Valve Operator and Vacuum Unit which was included in the 2018 equipment budget. Mike Broadbent recommended that we accept the bid from E. H. Wachs Co. with the low bid of \$67,000.

NEW BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATES – The Gill St. re-lining has been completed.

120 CENTER STREET -

It appears there was a sewer line installed inside the 72" storm pipe that lies underneath Gipper's during the separation project in the 1990s. The side walls are full of soap suds

and grease. Since this was a joint effort with the City they have agreed to pay for half of the \$10,000 estimated cost of relocating the sewer service which is to be completed by

Bissonnette Plumbing & Heating. The business owner will then be responsible for the sewer service. Code Enforcement will be addressing the grease issue.

CSO #005 I/I/STUDY - The District has been working with the flow totes along with the flow sharks for 1 ½ years. We need to find the reason behind the increase in flow during rain events. The District is in need of a helping hand and will solicit proposals from consultants for I/I Remediation. The proposal will be brought back to the Trustees for approval.

CSO MASTER PLAN UPDATE - The 5-Year Plan update is due in 2020. A report is due at the end of 2019. It is a joint effort with Lewiston and LAWPCA. Lewiston has 11 remaining CSOs. We provide our information for the report.

The annual operating report is due to the DEP by 3/31/2019.

LAWPCA - The apportionment is set at 63% (Lewiston) and 37% (Auburn) for the first quarter of 2019. There is nothing new to report on the compost facility. LAWPCA is waiting to hear from DEP on its proposal to close Cell 1.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE – Charles Sheehan is on the committee. Heidi McCarthy will not be able to attend all the meetings and is therefore looking for another volunteer. The meetings are once a month. Heidi will email Raymond Fortier to see if he would be interested in being on the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS – Our collections clerk, Susan Lajoie, is retiring. We have hired a new clerk, Doris Bernier, who will get two weeks training with Susan whose last day is February 1st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E) TO DISCUSS E-1 GENERATOR.

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Stephen Ness, it was unanimously voted: **To move into Executive Session to discuss the E-1 Generator.**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Drinkwater

Approved: February 19, 2019

A true record:

Attest: _____

Clerk