

February 19, 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, February 19, 2019 at 4:00pm.

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

Absent : Greg Leighton, Finance Manager

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2019.**

FINANCIAL REPORT –Office Manager, Tanya Johnson, presented the Finance Report. The District is financially on track and has \$1.5 million cash on hand. Mr. Titus would like to see comparisons by month actual to actual to prior year.

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 \$364,127.42 as shown on the printout dated January 1, 2019- January 31, 2019.**

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

ACTIVITY REPORT – The crew has been busy clearing cross-country lines by Pioneer Plastics and the right-of-way on Rodman Rd. The sewer service repair at 120 Center St. has been completed. The owner will assume responsibility for this line moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

W-2 GENERATOR – The generator is ready to go once we receive a replacement part.

E-2 GENERATOR – We are working with the homeowner for the placement of the generator.

MERROW ROAD PUMP STATION –FutureGuard Properties and Pepsi-Cola will grant the District easements (35square feet) as the station would be situated down the middle of both properties. We have a lot of projects lined up this year and will most likely go out to bid for the installation of the pump station.

LAWPCA APPORTIONMENT AND FINANCIALS –The first quarter apportionment was set at 63/37. The flow apportionment for January was 61.38% Lewiston/38.32% Auburn resulting in a deficit for the month of \$3,347.26.

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PFAS/PFOA OVERVIEW – Superintendent Hazelton spoke about the toxic man-made chemicals that are resistant to water and sun and are inflammable and non-corrosive. They can be found in carpets, non-stick products, cosmetics food packaging, etc. Anything that is made to resist water has this product. There are currently no federal regulation limits. The Maine Drinking Water Program will be doing some testing in 2019, mostly wells but may include some surface waters.

PURCHASE OF FLEET VEHICLES / PUSH CAMERA – These purchases are part of the approved budget. The District will be purchasing a ½ ton extended/double cab from Emerson Chevrolet, ½ ton crew cab and ¾ ton w/service body from Quirk Ford.

The push camera will be purchased from Utilitronics, Corp.

CSO #005 I/I/STUDY – The CSO #005 must be eliminated by December, 2022. The District has been chasing sources of inflow assembling valuable data but unable to locate a “smoking gun”. Weston & Sampson who has performed an I/I Study several years ago has submitted a proposal to investigate the stormwater inputs into CSO #005.

The budget has allocated \$150,000 for CSO remediation projects. This effort should find the sources enabling us to meet the 2022 deadline. We need to show more progress towards this effort by year end, as we make a serious commitment to resolve this issue. It is important that we start now so we can collect data as the snow melts.

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the Weston and Sampson Proposal in the amount of \$117,850.**

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE – Charles Sheehan and Raymond Fortier are members of the committee which meets the 3rd Thursday of every month. The main focus of the committee is to discuss health insurance options and the opt out clause.

OLD BUSINESS – The District’s current cell phone bill runs from \$900-\$1000/month. Verizon offers a Government Plan with no contract to be signed. Mike Broadbent is looking at different options to lower the cell phone cost.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C) TO DISCUSS AN UPDATE TO A PROPERTY NEGOTIATION.

The meeting came out of Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Drinkwater

Approved: March 19, 2019

A true record:

Attest: _____

Clerk