

February 16, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Sewerage District was held via Zoom on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 4:00PM.

Members present: Robert Cavanagh , Charles Sheehan, Stephen Ness (President), Andrew Titus, Shawn MacDonald and Stephen Milks (Mayor's Representative). Also present: Sid Hazelton, Superintendent, Michael Broadbent, Assistant Superintendent and Tanya Dunn, Finance Manager.

Absent: Raymond Fortier

On motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2021.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Gallons sold is up 8.9% from January of last year. Receivables are remaining steady. Many customers are renegotiating payment plans. The cash on hand is at \$1.7 million. The March audit will be remote. We have posted our vacant position.

#### **RATIFY PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Stephen Milks, it was unanimously voted: **To ratify the payment of bills in the amount of \$ \$146,404.86 dated January 1, 2021 -January 31, 2021.**

**OPEN SESSION** - K.C.Geiger, Water District Trustee, was in attendance.

**ACTIVITY REPORT** – The District has 30 miles of x-country lines. Every 10 years or so we try to clear the lines. All of the main work done this past summer has been inspected. There was a sewer back up at 177 Fairview Ave. due to a blockage in our main which is still under investigation.

The Ash Landfill has had some issues with a certain amount of calcium buildup in the City owned force main which is affecting main capacity.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PROJECT UPDATES**

**POLAND SEWER EXTENSION** – The format of an existing contract will be used to develop the contract between Poland and the Sewer District to extend the sewer by Cyndi's Dockside. Poland will provide a portable generator for the station. There will be a 20% surcharge above our rates. It is hoped that a vote on the contract will take place in April.

Superintendent Hazelton wrote a letter to DEP. This extension will go through seven stations. A storm event will pass before the surge gets into our sewer system. The DEP approved the request.

Trustee Andrew Titus suggested that the District establish a reserve account for the 20% surcharge. The District does not currently have any designated reserve accounts.

Trustee Robert Cavanagh asked if there was a way to track how much of the 20% goes to the general fund. He suggested the possibility of a future workshop for further discussion.

**BRADMAN PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT** – It was recommended that we replace the station using the funds that had been set aside for its elimination. The site is very small and we may need to secure an easement depending on where we locate the station.

On motion of Shawn MacDonald, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To replace the Bradman St. Pump Station.**

**CSO #005 BYPASS DESIGN** – This CSO has to be eliminated by December, 2021 and we have until December 2022 to monitor and close the CSO. The plan is to design and construct a bypass line around CSO #005 with sufficient capacity to eliminate an overflow. We have received a proposal from Wright-Pierce in the amount of \$6900. This could possibly be an in-house project with most of the work being done without an interruption in flow.

Mike Broadbent, Assistant Superintendent, requested approval to move forward with the Study.

On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Shawn MacDonald, it was unanimously voted: **To move forward with the design study by Wright Pierce not to exceed \$6900.**

**LAUV PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT** – We have had a pump failure. The pump bases are starting to wear out. The District has set aside funds in 2021 to replace the pumps and slide rails. Because of the recent issues, the pumps and equipment were ordered to complete the work as soon as possible. New manholes have been installed. The total cost of the project will not exceed \$25,000.

On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Shawn MacDonald, it was unanimously voted: **To move forward with the LAUV pump station replacement.**

**ANNUAL CSO REPORT** - The report is due 3/1 2021. The flow volumes have decreased and there were only two minor events to report. We will consolidate all CSO data and other information for the report.

**LAWPCA APPORTIONMENT & FINANCIALS** –The set apportionment is 64/36. The month of January came in at 65.6/34.4 which puts the District a little over \$4,000 in the black.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**STORM SURGE TANK COST APPORTIONMENT UPDATE** – A very productive meeting was held February 5<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that the tank cost apportionment should be based on the volume of wet weather flow measured above an established base flow. The next step would be to determine a base flow and define a wet weather day.

**STORMWATER SURGE TANK PRELIMINARY DESIGN** – An RFP will be issued to solicit services to site the storm surge tank. There may be some Federal stimulus funding and we want to take advantage if it should become available.

**BIOSOLIDS DRYER FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE** – Consultants Brown and Caldwell held a meeting. Some preliminary cost numbers were generated and we hope to have a final report and recommendation in the coming months.

**COVID PANDEMIC UPDATE-** Federal CDC guidelines has placed our industry in the 1C priority for vaccinations and Governor Mills is adhering to that recommendation. Superintendent Hazelton and Kevin Gagne of Lewiston have written a letter to Governor Mills explaining the need to put us on the 1B priority list because of the critical nature of the work that we do.

The office remains closed to the public.

On motion of Robert Cavanaugh, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was unanimously voted: **To adjourn the meeting**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkwater

Approved: March 16, 2021

A true record:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk