

March 16, 2021

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

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

On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2021.**

FINANCIAL REPORT – Revenues are good through February. Expenses are \$7,000 over budget. Cash on hand is \$1.7 million.

RATIFY PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Raymond Fortier, it was unanimously voted: **To ratify the payment of bills in the amount of \$ \$337,110.26 dated February 1, 2021 -February 28, 2021.**

Trustee Andrew Titus questioned the possibility of comparing in-house labor to contracting out the labor for a project.

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

ACTIVITY REPORT -Since there was little snow cover, we did not have any major problems with plows damaging manhole covers. The 2021 safety training has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - The contract with our current auditors RHR Smith is up for renewal. They have agreed to an extended three-year contract at a 5% increase.

On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was unanimously voted: **To nominate and accept the following slate of officers:**

PRESIDENT:	Stephen Ness
TREASURER:	Raymond Fortier
SUPERINTENDENT:	Sid Hazelton
CLERK:	Tanya Dunn
AUDITOR:	RHR Smith

PROJECT UPDATES

POLAND SEWER EXTENSION –The extension will run from Top Gun on Route 26 to the causeway at Cindi's Dockside. Poland will pay about \$54,000 to cover the depreciation of the pump station. They will also provide a portable generator as part of the project to make the station sustainable and viable.

There will be 7 or 8 possible new connections. No one is required to connect to the new main. There are no out-of-pocket expenses to the District for this extension. Any new customer that connects will pay a 20% surcharge. This is a cash positive project for the District. Any customer who experiences a failed leach bed and is within 200' of a sewer main must connect to the main according to the State Plumbing Code.

BRADMAN PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT – The District will rehab the existing wet-well which will be more cost effective for the District. There will be new pumps, slide rails and valve vault.

Mike Broadbent will meet with abutting owners to let them know that the road will have to be closed to complete the work.

LAUV PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT – The District installed a new wet well and upgraded the control panels. The project came in under budget. The station should be good for another 20 years.

CSO #005 BYPASS DESIGN - This CSO has to be closed by December 2022. This is a challenging spot to eliminate the CSO. We still have some time to come up with a solution.

LAWPCA APPORTIONMENT & FINANCIALS –The set apportionment is 64/36. The first quarter favors the District with \$7400 in the black. We have reset the apportionment to 65 Lewiston/35 Auburn.

ANNUAL CSO REPORT FOR 2020 - The report to DEP was submitted March 1st. Our efforts have paid off. The CSO co-ordinator was pleased to see the decrease in overflow.

OLD BUSINESS

STORM SURGE TANK COST APPORTIONMENT UPDATE – There was a meeting held on February 5th. It was generally agreed to base the apportionment upon the volume of wet weather flow measured above an established base flow. We must now define a wet weather day and determine a base flow.

The District continues to look for elicited stormwater surges. We will keep our eyes open for possible stimulus funds. The estimated cost of the project is \$25 million, with Auburn's share being about \$7.5 million.

STORMWATER SURGE TANK PRELIMINARY DESIGN –An RFP for site and design will be going out in a couple of weeks.

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. This project will drive down LAWPCA's operating costs.

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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. We have not had a response to the letter.

The office remains closed to the public.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkwater

Approved: April 20, 2021

A true record:

Attest: _____

Clerk