

May 18, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Sewerage District was held in the garage at the District office at 268 Court Street on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 4:00PM.

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

Absent: Shawn MacDonald
Stephen Milks, Mayor's Representative

On motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Raymond Fortier, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2021.**

FINANCIAL REPORT – Gallons sold is up 4% year to date. Expenses are over budget. We are watching material purchases very closely. The cash on hand is at \$1.8 million.

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 \$ \$211,601.45 dated April 1, 2021 -April 30, 2021.**

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

ACTIVITY REPORT -Summer maintenance is underway with normal maintenance to manholes. We repaired a section of sewer main on Western Ave. and discovered a water leak while digging which also had to be repaired. It has been a dry season with no overflows or events to report.

PROJECT UPDATES

POLAND SEWER EXTENSION –The project has been put on hold due to unfavorable bidding.. The cost of materials is through the roof and there is a lack of laborers. The project will be re-bid this Fall with anticipated construction in the Spring of 2022. Nothing will be done until the project is awarded to a contractor.

TAYLOR BROOK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – SEWER MAIN RELOCATION -

We need to relocate the main which is over the culvert on the downstream side of the bridge bedded on the bottom of the brook. We are looking to obtain an easement from 936 Hotel Rd. It is in the wetland and not buildable. Mike Broadbent is in the process of ordering materials. The road will be closed July 1-October 15. MDOT will have lots of signage to direct the traffic. Mike Broadbent thinks the hold up will be the easement needed to complete the work which could possibly be obtained by eminent domain. This will be an in-house project. The District is looking for authorization to spend the funds that were allocated for the project.

On motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Raymond Fortier, it was unanimously voted: **To approve \$80,000 for the Taylor Brook Bridge Sewer Main Relocation.**

BRADMAN PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT – The upgrade is underway. The new control panel is in place and the generator has been re-located to make room for the valve vault. We are waiting on materials. The project is on schedule and on budget.

CSO #005 BYPASS DESIGN- We are close to eliminating the flows and the removal of CSO#5 . The by-pass line will help us to make this happen. This will be a hybrid project. Our sewer foreman will oversee the job and will hire an excavator operator and dump truck driver to assist in the installation.

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Raymond Fortier, it was unanimously voted: **To approve \$100,000 to proceed with the project.**

LAWPCA APPORTIONMENT & FINANCIALS – The apportionment is trending in our favor with \$18,500 in the black. Further adjustments to the apportionment may be needed in the coming months.

OLD BUSINESS

PFAS - This is currently a hot topic. A bill is being proposed for the State to collect \$10/ton with the proceeds to be used for testing. Maine Water Utilities will be supporting and endorsing one of the three bills related to PFAS limits following EPA guidelines.

STORMWATER SURGE TANK PRELIMINARY DESIGN –The District has received four proposals. A subcommittee consisting of Jeff Beaulé, Normand Lamie, Dan Goyette and Superintendent Sid Hazelton will review the proposals.

COVID PANDEMIC UPDATE – The office lobby is now open for customers to make payments. The office remains closed to the public until there is further guidance from the CDC and the Governor's office.

On motion of Charles Sheehan seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To adjourn the meeting**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkwater

Approved: June 15, 2021

A true record:

Attest: _____

Clerk