

December 14, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Sewerage District was held in person at the Auburn Sewerage District office at 268 Court Street on Tuesday December 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

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

On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2021.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Gallons sold are up 3% year to date with overall revenues and expenses both being favorable to the budget. Cash on hand is at \$1.4 million. The staff is gearing up for year end and the audit which will be done remotely again this 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 \$259,100.16 dated November 1, 2021 -November 30 2021.**

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

**ACTIVITY REPORT** –The old Kmart on Center St. is suspect in I/I activity which will require further investigation. We have had some new sewer service connections at new apartment buildings at 273 No. River Rd. There appears to be a lot of activity in the works for next year which will result in more new sewer service connections.

There have been no sewer overflows on Miller St. The by-pass line seems to be doing its job.

#### **PROJECT UPDATES -**

The force main on Hotel Road that serves the Merrow Road pump station has been successfully replaced.

W-6 Project – We have everything needed to proceed with the project. Mike Broadbent is looking for an additional funding for a separate valve vault to keep the valves out of the sewage.

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To approve an additional \$15,000 for the W-6 upgrade.**

The Poland sewer extension to Cindy's Dockside has made good progress and expected to be completed by year end.

There is a lot of development going on: proposed 125 apartments by BJ's and 100 apartments by Wal-Mart. There is some concern about adding 250 tenants on the existing 10" sewer main. We are looking for suggestions for upgrading the line to accept new activity.

The O & M Manual is in the data collection phase and should be wrapped up in January.

**LAWPCA APPORTIONMENT & FINANCIALS** – November tracked well in the District’s favor and will hopefully continue that trend to year end. The apportionment of 62/38 will change to 66/34 in the first quarter of 2022.

**INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT** – A funding request has been made to the City of Auburn to contribute \$8 million to pay for Auburn’s share of the surge tank. This money would come from a portion of the City’s ARPA funds.

**STORMWATER SURGE TANK DESIGN UPDATE** –This will be a \$25 million endeavor and we are in the process of determining how to fund the tank. Woodard and Curran were hired to do the preliminary design and site work for the tank. They are thinking that we may need a larger tank. No decision has yet been made as to where it will go and how big it will be.

**CSO #005 CLOSURE** – The District received a letter from DEP commending us on the excellent progress we have made towards closing CSO 005 at Miller Street.

We will continue to monitor for a year and the CSO will be officially closed in December, 2022.

**2022 DRAFT FINAL BUDGET** – The only change was the addition of the retainer (retention bonus) which was also approved by the Water District Trustees.

Superintendent Hazelton proposed \$3200/per employee to be distributed in the way of \$800/quarterly payments. T

The LAWPCA approved their budget on 12/10/2021 and that line item did not change.

Joint Budget Meeting – Wednesday December 15 at 5:15pm

Public Hearing/Budget Adoption – Wednesday , December 15 at 5:30pm

**JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY** –June 19<sup>th</sup> has been recognized as a Federal Holiday - Abolishment of Slavery.

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was unanimously voted: **To adopt Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>) as a new paid holiday.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkwater

Approved: January 18, 2022

A true record:

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk