

March 15, 2022

The regular monthly Trustee meeting of the Auburn Sewerage District was held at 268 Court Street, Auburn, Maine on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 4:00pm.

Members present: Robert Cavanagh, Raymond Fortier, Treasurer, Stephen Milks, Mayor's Representative, Stephen Ness, President and Charles Sheehan. Also present Sid Hazelton, Superintendent, Mike Broadbent, Assistant Superintendent, Tanya Dunn, Finance Manager and Gary Tetreault of 16 Hazel Street.

OPEN SESSION – Open session was moved to the first item of business by President Ness due to the public in attendance.

Gary Tetreault of 16 Hazel Street asked the District to repair a break on a shared, private sewer line. He assumes the break was caused by blasting at the Edward Little High School construction site. He quoted a letter from the District stating that individual sewer connections were not made along Hazel Street due to ledge in the area.

Mr. Tetreault believes the private line is infiltrated by a natural spring. Mr. Tetreault quoted rules from the Auburn Water District Charter. Mr. Tetreault provided documentation of easements along Hazel Street, however none of which are held by the Auburn Sewerage District. President Ness assured Mr. Tetreault the Board will take his advisement and he will hear from the District.

Discussion after Mr. Tetreault's presentation lead into the fact that there are many private, shared sewer lines throughout the City.

Cushman Place had a similar issue and the District offered loans to help resolve the shared, private service. 100% of the residents along the shared service participated in the loan program and a private contractor repaired the line.

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of February 15, 2022 –

On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Charles Sheehan, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2022.**

FINANCIAL REPORT– Metered income is on budget along with expenses. Cash on hand ended February at \$1.7 million. Capital equipment is being purchased. All purchases have been favorable to budget.

RATIFY THE 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 \$152,199.91 as shown on the printout dated February 1, 2022 – February 28, 2022.**

ACTIVITY REPORT – February offers time for pump station maintenance and clearing brush along cross country mains. There has been some I & I infiltration at the Bradman Pump Station which is being troubleshooted. There has been a roof drain identified, at a large auto dealership, as going into the sewer which is being resolved. An unusual service line freeze up occurred at 507 Turner St.. The homeowner typically goes away for the winter months. The seasonal change in occupancy may have given light to an annual issue.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Charles Sheehan, it was unanimously voted: **To approve Stephen Ness as President.**

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On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Stephen Milks, it was unanimously voted: **To approve Charles Sheehan as Treasurer.**

On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Charles Sheehan, it was unanimously voted: **To re-appoint the current Superintendent, Clerk and Auditor.**

PROJECT UPDATE – The Poland sewer extension is almost complete and new connections should be made within the next few weeks. The capital improvement plan has been completed by Wright Pierce. They will begin on the operation and maintenance manual.

The contract has been signed with Wright Pierce to study the sewer capacity in high development areas. The City has agreed to pay for the study. Project kick off is scheduled for early April.

LAWPCA APPORTIONMENT & FINANCIALS – The apportionment is trending slightly in Lewiston's favor, however not enough to make changes.

On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Charles Sheehan it was unanimously voted: **To sign the CDM Memo regarding the funding of the storm surge tank. The upfront portion is a 30-70% split, ASD-LWD. The remaining funding will be apportioned on the flow as referenced in the agreement.**

ANNUAL CSO REPORT TO DEP – Superintendent Hazelton showed a graph comparing CSO's statewide, ASD was in the lower quartile.

OPERATIONS and MAINTENANCE MANUAL – This item was covered in Project Update.

INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY – This item was covered in Project Update.

BOND APPLICATION STATUS – The Bond Bank Board meeting to accept applications is being held 3/16/22.

On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Charles Sheehan, it was unanimously voted: **To move into executive session regarding negotiations of potential land transactions in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C) .**

OLD BUSINESS

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS – The Board is short two members, looking for volunteers.

On motion of Charles Sheehan, seconded by Raymond Fortier it was unanimously voted: **To adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Tanya Dunn