

April 18, 2023

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, April 18, 2023 at 4:00pm.

Members present: Robert Cavanagh (Treasurer), Stephen Ness (President), Raymond Fortier, Thomas Moulin and Stephen Milks, Mayor's Representative. Also present: Michael Broadbent, Superintendent and Tanya Dunn, Finance Manager.

On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Thomas Moulin, it was voted: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2023.

On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Thomas Moulin, it was unanimously voted: **To suspend the rules and move the Open Session to the top of the Agenda.**

OPEN SESSION - Gary Tetreault of 16 Hazel Street was in attendance to discuss the issue of the private sewer on Hazel Street and who should be responsible for the maintenance of that private sewer line. He told the Trustees about some of the information he found through his research efforts. Charlie and Walter Keen were developers and that there is a buried spring at 9 Hazel St. 11 Hazel Street has deeded rights to that spring. Superintendent Broadbent mentioned that the State requires mandatory testing of springs. If they were not being tested the State would require the spring to be closed. There is an easement dated 6/1/1883 from Mr. Keen. The District is not mentioned in any easement or deed. The City of Auburn accepted the street 10/31/1889. Mr. Tetreault stated that he would take the matter to court if the situation does not get resolved. Superintendent Broadbent told Mr. Tetreault that the District would get back to him.

FINANCIAL REPORT- Meter sales are down 3% . Sewer connection fees are favorable helping to offset the slight decrease in metered sales. Cash on hand at the end of the first quarter is at \$1.6 million.

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 \$400,509.41 dated March 1, 2023-March 31, 2023.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1 M.S.R.A. § 405 (6) (A) TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER

On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.**

The meeting came out of executive session.

ACTIVITY REPORT – March was fairly quiet. The crew has been busy in April setting manholes at the dead-ends of the mains scheduled to be re-lined. The E-3 Generator Project is complete. The required yearly safety training has been completed. Superintendent Broadbent told the Trustees that we are waiting for the pavement plants to open so that we can repair our main break patches.

NEW BUSINESS - None

LAWPCA APPORTIONMENT -The apportionment has shifted in the Sewer District's favor.

PFAS – PFAS limits are unknown.

OLD BUSINESS –

WASHINGTON ST PUMP STATION DESIGN -The City planners will be attending the next meeting with Wright-Pierce on the station design.

PUMP STATION POLICY - The Policy will be brought forward for approval when ready for review.

MALL AREA SEWER IMPROVEMENTS/ FUNDING – There has been no progress on discussions on who will pay for the necessary sewer upgrades to accommodate the proposed development on Gracelawn Rd. The contractor notified Superintendent Broadbent that they will upgrade one (1) section of the main that runs across Mt. Auburn Ave. Superintendent Broadbent has drafted a memo that will be sent to all parties to request discussions on this matter.

AR DEVELOPMENT / BETWEEN BJ'S AND GEE & BEE SPORTS - They will not be upsizing the sewer mains under the driveway prior to paving.

On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Raymond Fortier, it was unanimously voted: **To adjourn the meeting.**

Approved: May 16, 2023

A true record

Attest: _____

Clerk

