

AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT

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The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Sewerage District will be held in-person at the Auburn Sewerage District office at 268 Court Street on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 @ 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 20, 2024.
2. Approve Minutes of the Public Hearing on August 20, 2024.
3. Financial Report Update - Amy Hanscom, MRWA.
4. Open Session
5. Project Update - *Mike Broadbent*
6. New Business
 - Washington Street Pumping Station
7. LAWPCA Apportionment & Financials
8. Old Business
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9. Adjourn Regular Meeting.

Upcoming: Sewer Trustee Meeting October 15, 2024

A true record:

Attest: _____

Edward Williams, Clerk

September 17, 2024

The regular 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, September 17, 2024 at 4:00pm.

Members present: Robert Cavanagh (Treasurer), Denis Bergeron, Stephen Ness (President) and Stephen Milks, Mayor's Representative and Dan Bilodeau. Also Present: Michael Broadbent, Superintendent and Matt Waite, Assistant Superintendent.

Absent: Thomas Moulin, Trustee
Matt Waite, Assist. Superintendent

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF August 20, 2024

On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Denis Bergeron, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August, 20, 2024.**

On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Dan Bilodeau, it was unanimously voted : **To add approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing to the Agenda.**

On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of August 20, 2024.**

FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE Accounts are doing well. The cash on hand continues to increase. We would like to track the effect of the elimination of the auto rebates which became effective October 1, 2024.

OPEN SESSION -As no one from the public was in attendance, the Open Session was closed.

ACTIVITY REPORT/PROJECT UPDATE

ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER SIPHON CLEANING – The District received two bids with the difference in the bids being very significant. This has prompted the District to re-assess the project's readiness. An access road will be built to give full access to the contractors to assess the level of build-up in the siphons. Once access is established, the District will hire Vortex for one day to jet the siphons to determine the level of debris present.

MILLER STREET I & I STUDY – The flow monitoring phase has been concluded. Wright-Pierce recommended further investigation of 1300' of sewer main on Turner Street from Court St. to Troy St. This phase will include camera inspections and 2 days of smoke testing and dye testing.

LINING PROJECTS – The District collaborated with the City of Lewiston in the bid process. The bid was awarded to Nation Watermain Cleaning, Inc. The work is scheduled to begin next week.

TAYLOR BROOK CROSSING – Superintendent Broadbent met with the homeowners of 170 and 172 Poland Road. The District may need to work with them to re-locate our sewer main. We need to gather survey data of this area before we can develop solutions to the conflict.

E-5 – The District has secured easements and all permits. We will be installing the pad, replacing the station hatch and preparing for the generator.

E-6 – The District has drafted an easement with the property owner and it has been sent for legal review.

NEW BUSINESS

WASHINGTON ST. PUMP STATION – On August 30th pump 1 suffered a seal failure. The entire station flooded and faulted out all electrical equipment. We were able to restore operation. The local controls down in the vault are still disabled. Once approved for a \$1.5 million bond we will ask for bid proposals. Materials can then be ordered in the Fall for construction in 2025.

LACWA APPORTIONMENT & FINANCIALS – The apportionment has once again been held at 63/37. The plant continues to run well and the septage receiving continue to exceed expectations which helps with additional revenue. The new surge tank project is proceeding as scheduled and 90% design drawings are expected soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Denis Bergeron mentioned that it is key that we get a Finance Director on board. Superintendent Broadbent did say that we had a couple of strong candidates.

The possibility of re-locating the District's cold storage was discussed. The District has a healthy level of borrowing. More discussion will follow. The District owns a pretty attractive piece of property. There is an 8-10 acre parcel at the Industrial Park. We will wait to see what happens with the Finance Director.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkwater

Approved: October 15, 2024

A true record:

Attest: _____

Edward Williams, Clerk