

Town of Millbury
Minutes of
Sewer Commission Meeting
January 8, 2019

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CALL TO ORDER

Gary Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Gary Nelson, Happy Erickson, Keith Caruso DPW Foreman, Frank Stachura - Sewer Plant Operator, and Amy Paquette Riordan Clerk, Christine Billington Clerk.

Lisa Allain was absent.

ITEM TWO – INVOICES

Miscellaneous invoices reviewed, approved and signed by Sewer Commission.

The 3rd Quarter Assessment for Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District was approved in the amount of \$246,554.25. All were in favor.

ITEM THREE – MINUTES

Approved the Minutes from December 11, 2018 Happy made the motion to approve and Gary seconded the motion all were in favor.

ITEM FOUR – PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

Bob Winn Senior Project Manager for VHB is working on the construction project with the state on the McCracken Road round about. Gary Nelson asked Mr. Winn if there was a way when the road is being raised if the town could put in a sewer line while the road is under construction. If the state could supply the pipe for the construction how much would it cost? Mr. Winn stated that the drawings will be completed by February or March and that if the board wanted to put in sewer that they would need the information within the next couple of weeks from the board. The town needs to take a look at the pump station that services the mall and main street to see if this is even possible to undertake. Mr. Winn will get back to the board in the next few days as to the cost of the town's portion of the project. The board thanked Mr. Winn for coming into the meeting.

Andrew Vanni – Finance Director came into the meeting to discuss the accounts for the Sewer Department. Chairman Nelson gave Mr. Vanni a copy of the Capital Plan for the Sewer Department. Chairman Nelson talked about the large projects that are coming up and will cost a lot of money. Mr. Vanni stated that there was \$399,451.00 in the Retained earnings account and \$3,406,631.56 in the Sewer Stabilization Fund. Chairman Nelson asked that if the board needs to transfer money from town meeting when the money will be available. Mr. Vanni stated July 1, the money from town meeting will be available. Chairman Nelson also asked Mr. Vanni if we could borrow the money if we needed to and he said that it was possible. Mr. Vanni gave Chairman Nelson a copy of what the sewer department has left in revenue for this fiscal year.

ITEM FIVE - OPERATIONS:

Chairman Nelson asked Amy about the sewer betterments and when they will be going out. Amy told Chairman Nelson that they would be going out the end of January or beginning of February but will let the board know at the next meeting. Gary also asked Amy about the remaining homes for Casa Verde that need to be billed and she said that there will be 49 homes left to be billed.

Board reviewed a letter from R.H. White on the estimate for the four pump stations. Gary told Frank that they could go and have the other things on the list fixed. The board approved having this completed.

ITEM SIX – ABATEMENT REQUESTS:

Nothing at this time

ITEM SEVEN – BETTERMENTS:

Nothing at this time

ITEM EIGHT – SEWER EXTENSIONS/CONNECTIONS:

5 Emily Drive – Happy made the motion to approve and Gary 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

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ITEM NINE – FUTURE MEETING DATE

The upcoming meetings are scheduled for January 22, 2019 and February 12, 2019. Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month unless otherwise posted and/or cancelled.

ITEM TEN – ADDITIONAL TOPICS

Chairman Nelson asked about McGrath Road and what was going on with that. Keith told Chairman Nelson that he had spoked with Wayne Belec said nothing has been done in the last 2 weeks. They were supposed to bring an excavator to the site but have not. Keith will reach out to Mr. Belec again about this.

Chairman Nelson also spoke about the sewer rate that if we go up by 3% that it will not be much of an effect on the bills that will be going out.

There was also discussion on when the Board of Health received pumping slips if the sewer department can be notified, so they can send out letters to homeowner who are not tied in to the town sewer.

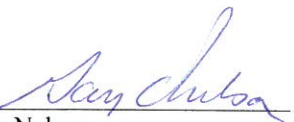
Amy also spoke to the Board letting them know that Brian Falk, Town Council is almost done looking over the Sewer Rules & Regulations.

Discussion took place on the sewer betterments on when they will be going out and it was discussed that the end of January or early February they will be going out.

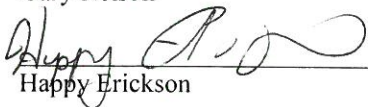
ITEM ELEVEN – ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 p.m. Happy Erickson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Gary Nelson seconded all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Billington
Clerk-Sewer Department



Gary Nelson



Happy Erickson

Lisa Allain