

Town of Millbury  
Minutes of  
Sewer Commission Meeting  
July 11, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.  
Present: Gary Nelson, Happy Erickson, Lisa Allain, Patricia Arp, Amy Paquette-Riordan

**ITEM ONE – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No Minutes available for approval.

**ITEM TWO – INVOICES**

Miscellaneous Vouchers signed by Sewer Commission.  
Happy Erickson motioned to approve the UBWPAD 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Sewer Invoice in the amount of \$237,969.50; Lisa Allain seconded; a unanimous vote of approval was obtained.

**ITEM THREE – PUBLIC ATTENDEES**

J. Kevin McArdle-44 Oak Pond Ave-discussion of how his Abatement Total was reached and to inform Mr. McArdle that he would receive an additional Abatement of \$338.10. Homeowner will be responsible for the outstanding \$5.00. Motion to approve made by Lisa Allain, Happy Erickson seconded; a unanimous vote of approval was obtained.

**ITEM FOUR – OPERATIONS**

Certificate of Organization, Appointment of Officers performed and Organizational Meeting Notice was discussed. The Commission elected to keep Gary Nelson as Chairman, Happy Erickson was nominated to the position of Clerk and Lisa Allain will remain as a member of the Commission. Motions for all positions were made and a unanimous vote of approval was obtained for all positions.

Patricia Arp opened the discussion for the need to have the Warren St. and Elm Ct. Pump Station Tanks removed. She informed the Sewer Commission that the deadline for this was August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Patricia has already received one quote for the work and informed the Commission that the DPW will do some of the work in the attempt to keep the cost down. Patricia informed the Commission that she is also seeking other bids on this project. Patricia asked the Commission to approve the fee expenditure under Article #16 of the May 2, 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Chairman Gary Nelson made the recommendation to approve but not to exceed the sum of \$20,000, motion to approve made by Lisa Allain, Happy Erickson seconded; a unanimous vote of approval was obtained.

Phillip Opatka-124 Park Hill Ave.-was seeking approval from the board for re-enrollment into the meter Deduction Program. Amy Paquette-Riordan informed the Commission that approval was necessary for reinstatement into the program because Mr. Opatka had failed to comply with the submission of paperwork and had been advised that "Failure to return the form by the due date would result in no allowance of deduction for any future sewer usage bills". Patricia Arp spoke to the Commission and informed them that this program is extremely cumbersome and she would like to see the program revamped. Gary Nelson informed Patricia and the Commission that there is a rate study being conducted and that they should take into consideration the types of programs that the surrounding towns use. After some discussion, the Commission approved reinstatement into the program for Mr. Opatka.

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**ITEM FIVE- SEWER CONNECTIONS**

Amy Paquette-Riordan recommended the Sewer Commission approve the sewer connection permits before the Commission this evening, as follows.

408 Greenwood Street

- Lisa Allain motioned to approve permit for Mid-State Sewerage for new sewer connection 408 Greenwood St. Tom Stratford suggested that because this line will be installed for Albert Hubbard through the connection granted to Robert Giordano of 409 Greenwood St-that both homeowners need to agree that the cost of repairs to the shared line be the responsibility of both parties and need to be recorded as so with the Registry of Deeds. Motion to approve made by Lisa Allain, Happy Erickson seconded; a unanimous vote of approval was obtained.

38 Park Hill Ave

- Todd Miles was present to seek approval for the new sewer connection permit for 38 Park Hill Ave. Happy Erickson motioned to approve permit for Mid-State Sewerage. Motion to approve made by Lisa Allain, Happy Erickson seconded; a unanimous vote of approval was obtained.

- 24 Middleton Street

Lisa Allain motioned to approve permit for Chase Harris for new sewer connection 24 Middleton St pending the submittal of the drawing to be filed with the application. Happy Erickson seconded; a unanimous vote of approval was obtained.

**ITEM SIX – FUTURE MEETING DATE**

7/25/2017, 8/1/2017 and 8/22/2017 The August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be cancelled as Lisa Allain will not be in attendance.

**ITEM SEVEN – ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:15 p.m. Happy Erickson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Lisa Allain seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Paquette-Riordan  
Head Clerk

  
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Gary Nelson

  
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Happy Erickson

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Lisa Allain