

**Town of Millbury
Sewer Commission Meeting**

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October 23, 2012

Present: Sewer Commissioners: Gary Nelson, Frank Gagliardi, Happy Erickson
DPW Director Robert McNeil, Secretary: Cindy Allard

The meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

Grease Traps:

Rob advised that grease traps are required for any food service with kitchens, so that any place does not slip thru the cracks the building department will notified the sewer department of any new food establishment being opened in Millbury. Also Rob spoke the owners of the Mall, WS Development and also made them aware for any new food establishments coming into town.

Chris who is opening a frozen yogurt (yocream) at the mall into meeting regarding a letter he submitted to Commissioners to see if they would give him an exemption for the grease trap since nothing he does has to be prepared on site, it's all boxed and shipped in. Rob recommended a waiver for the grease trap, also as long as nothing changes with the business. Frank motioned to waive the requirement for a grease trap, Happy 2nd, all in favor. Chris also stated that it is written in his lease that he is only serving frozen yogurt. Commissions requested a copy of the lease to states that. Cindy will ask WS Development for that copy.

Abatements

Owners from Stella Industries, 50 Howe Ave into meeting with owner/property manager asking if anyway abatement could be given for the water usage, for the work that they do, a lot of water goes through a "chiller" which evaporates, this chiller is for small microelectronics. The President/Owner of Stella stated about 83% of the water usage is being evaporated. They have had meters installed about 4 months ago, and have been monitoring the water usage, the meters are calibrators and certified and will be on a periodically bases. Need to add them to the outside meter deduct mailing for further deductions.

9 Gover Road, homeowner requesting abatement, purchased the house from foreclosure and has only been in the house since April wants to know why they are getting a bill for 6 months. There was an issue in sewer billing were that residence never received a sewer bill until the info for it being sold was looked into. Because of the circumstances, the Commissioners issued abatement in the amount of \$105.84. Frank motioned to approve abatement, 2nd by Happy, all in favor.

The 1st Congerational Church is looking for any amount of a credit. Stated they had some type of leak and did receive a credit from Aquarion.

After a lengthy discussion it was determined that the Sewer Commissioner need a letter from the business/residence as to why they are looking for an abatement and if there was a leak what was leaking and for how long.

Cindy will inform the church of the same and have the letter for the next meeting

Also need to add an addendum to the Sewer Rules and Regulations that require a letter from the business/homeowner asking for abatement and why, if there is a leak we need proof that was water did not go into our sewer system. Frank motioned to accept this and add to sewer rules and regulations, Happy 2nd all in favor

Finances

Invoices signed

Flow Issue

Rob asked how do we address the flow issue regarding the billing amounts and the actual flow sent up to the Upper Blackstone, We need to get a handle on our accounts, need to scan sewer plans and all tie cards and have the personnel of the Sewer Department start conduction smoke tests to see who is and who is not connected.

Will start this project soon...

Minutes:

Happy motioned to accept minutes from July 17 as written, Frank 2nd, all in favor

Frank motioned to accept minutes from August 27 as written, Happy 2nd, all in favor

Misc.

Aquarion approached Rob and advised they want to add 650' of new water main line to the Alpine Street area and wants to start in November, Rob advised they need to wait till spring for the new line and trench. Aquarion will need to blast and the line in there now is shallow and they want to be at least 5' down. Due to the trench blasting Rob suggested to tv the sewer line to see if there are any issued with the Sewer Department before Aquarion starts.

Meeting Schedule:

11/13/12, 11/27/12 & 12/11/12

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Gary Nelson

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Happy Erickson

Frank Gagliardi