

WESTERN RACINE COUNTY SEWERAGE DISTRICT MEETING

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

President Bakke called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present at the time were: Lynn Tamblyn, Chris Bennett, Frank Czuta, Vince Klemko, Jeff Bratz, Village of Waterford representative Andy Ewert and Village of Rochester President Ed Chart.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Motion made by Klemko, seconded by Czuta to approve the minutes dated October 17, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes of Public Hearing – Motion made by Bennett, seconded by Klemko to approve the minutes dated November 7, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

Invoices to be Approved – Motion was made by Klemko and seconded by Czuta to approve the October invoices as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Received letter from the Village of Rochester regarding the Albee property on Evergreen Drive.

Letter from Pruitt, Ekes & Geary in response to questions raised at the public hearing.

Monthly Plant Operations Report – Bratz reported that the flows increased from the previous month; all operating number are staying steady. The phosphorus is up slightly due to a load from an outside hauler. Haulers income increased slightly.

Approve 2018 Budget for publication – Motion made by Bennett and seconded by Klemko to approve the 2018 Budget for publication. Motion carried.

Connection fee discussion and/or approval – the following topics were discussed:

- Review of letter from Pruitt, Ekes & Geary regarding questions brought up at the public hearing.
- Municipalities collecting connection fee for the District. Work with the municipalities to come up with amicable decision.
- Different scenarios for collection of fees.
- District's need to maintain the plants infra structure; similar to those of municipalities.
- User fees is a source of income for future upgrades.
- Is the connection fee a "fair" concept?
- Contact each municipality for opinion on collecting funds on existing construction – as time passes – will the connection fee still be an issue?

- Ewert asked for a comparison of the proposed connection fee to other similar fees charged in the area.
- Bratz will talk to each municipality; Bennett will talk to the Town of Waterford.

Discuss/action on bill from Village of Rochester for lateral problem – Bratz recapped the Albee situation; the Village is requesting the repair bill be split three ways. Chart and Bratz discussed how WRCSD and the Village got involved with Albee; all parties discussed a resolution. Motion made by Klemko, seconded by Czuta to reimburse the Village of Rochester \$1,250.00 as the District's portion of the repair bill for 29418 Evergreen Drive. Motion carried. Bennett did not cast a vote.

Discuss/action of possible WRCSD Ordinance violation – Bratz recapped the hydrogen sulfide problem that exists at Evergreen & Hwy 83. He explained the previous repairs that were made, the severe damage to the pipes and the repairs that the Village of Rochester has made. If the problem is not addressed, the costly repairs will continue. The District hired Evoqua to study the situation and make a recommendation. The recommendation was reviewed by the Commissioners. Bratz requested that the Town of Waterford be formally informed of the findings and request the situation be corrected.

Motion made by Klemko and seconded by Czuta instructing Bratz to request Pruitt, Ekes & Geary to send the Town of Waterford Sanitary District a correspondence identifying the problem and instruct them to have it resolved within three months. Motion carried.

Other business – Bennett advised Bratz and Tamblyn that the meeting agenda was not received by the municipalities nor was it posted on the Racine County website. Bratz will deliver the minutes to the municipalities and the agenda will be published 7 days prior to the meetings.

Motion made by Klemko and seconded by Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be December 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Ellie Mack

Recording Secretary