

Sewer Committee Meeting April 26, 2010

Paul Kordon called a regular Sewer Committee meeting to order at 6:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were Paul Kordon, James Anschutz, Gary Nelson, James Parent (non-voting liaison), Douglas Smith, Donald Prust, Bert Sawyer, Ryan Weisgerber and 1 visitor.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Gary/Paul to accept the agenda. Carried.

Appoint Committee Chair – Motion made/second Gary/Jim to appoint Paul Kordon to Chair the Committee. Carried.

Accept minutes – Motion made/second Gary/Jim to accept the minutes. Carried.

Accept Treasurer Report – Motion made/second Gary/Jim to accept the report. Carried.

Citizen input – None.

Discuss/decide sanitary utility billing rates for Cedar Beach Inn – Ray Spangler is the owner of this property. Currently, his EHUs are residential, but he would like to have a meter and get charged for usage. He doesn't live there, and Jim P. doesn't see a problem with switching it. It's a commercial usage and he rents the rooms out. For residential, it's \$78 per EHU. Commercial is \$48.25 per EHU plus \$5.09/1,000 gallons. Motion made/second Gary/Jim to convert the property to commercial billing. Carried. Clerk will send a letter to Mr. Spangler, asking him to contact Don Prust when he's ready to have a new meter installed. Billing won't be switched until that is complete.

Discuss/decide repairs to manhole on Wild Flower Court – This is the private road going into the Baileys Harbor Apartments. The first manhole in is pretty sunk in. It is the Town's easement and the Town's sewer. We had a similar issue to this on Thimbleberry lane. This was a subject that we were going to start talking about right before Jim Tishler passed away. We should really just have a set policy. For the time being, the maintenance employees will just throw some cold mix around the manhole to get it fixed for now. Jim P. will call sewer attorney Mike Bauer and talk to him about this. Don will call other municipalities to find out how they handle things like this.

Discuss/decide meter installation and grease trap issues at Harbor Fish Market & Grille – Owner is out of the country and has been for quite some time. The new remote read meter has yet to be installed. He has been asked several times to install the new one. They were going to re-pipe it where everyone could get at it, but that never happened. He's the only one that doesn't have the new system. As for the grease trap, the business is supposed to keep records of when it's cleaned. In Fish Creek, they have a schedule where the sanitary workers have to be there when the grease traps are pumped. Currently, every year, the plant employees have to jet the line from the Fish Market. Jim P. will put together a letter to send to the owner.

Discussion/possible decision on three year septic pumping rule – It's been rather difficult to coordinate the Town's policy with the County's. The County sends out a notice that every three years, people have to get their systems inspected, but not pumped. Then the Town sends one saying it has to be pumped. The schedules weren't always in sync. The county won't put on their letter that if the person lives in Baileys Harbor, they have to have it pumped every three years. There are about 150,000 to 160,000 gallons that come in per year due to this, so that does add to the plant's revenue. The County wasn't very open to doing anything to help us out with this. Jim A. is just against the Town making people do

this. The Town has had numerous complaints from residents about this issue. We may be overstepping our bounds by forcing people to pump. Don thinks we're the only place that has something like this. Instead of forcing people to pump, we could just have a flat fee for septic owners like we do for holding tank owners. This will be discussed at a future meeting. For the time being, we will explain to people that we're talking about this and for now, we'll adhere to the County's rules.

Don Prust – Sewer Report – Don delivered the report, a copy of which is available in the Clerk's office upon request.

Committee input/set date for next meeting – Don asked about the cost for raising manholes on County F. Jim P. explained that it is the Town's responsibility. Don also explained that the DNR is looking into passing a law that lowers the phosphorous limits to 1/10th of a part per million. This could be a huge cost, anywhere from \$1.8 million to \$6.9 million. Don brought it up just for everyone to keep in mind. Next meeting will be May 24th at 6:00PM.

Motion made/second Gary/Jim to adjourn at 6:58PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Sewer Committee meeting.

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk