

Sewer Committee Meeting July 26, 2010

Paul Kordon called the regular Sewer Committee meeting to order at 6:06PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were Paul Kordon, James Anschutz, Gary Nelson, James Parent, Douglas Smith, Donald Prust, Bert Sawyer and 1 visitor.

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

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

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

Citizen input – None.

Discuss/decide sewer charges for Yonker-McCurdy General Partnership at 8099 & 8101 STH 57 – This the property known as Captain Bailey's Square. He currently has 2 commercials and 1 residential. Basically he's wondering if he needs 2 commercials. They have a bathroom in the Moccasin Shop and a bathroom out back that serves the whole property. The pizza place is part of it as well. Don looked at the ordinances and the only designation that seems to fit is shopping center. Bert seemed to think that his biggest issue was there was no explanation on the bill. The residential is for the apartment upstairs. He had 3 meters when the post office was there. When they, left one meter was removed. Paul suggested giving him an explanation on how the charges were figured and show him the ordinance. If he still thinks it's too high, he can come to a meeting.

Discuss/decide sewer charges for Maxwellton Braes Pro-Shop – This has changed now, as it's not hooked up to the sewer. They ran a line to it, but they never hooked it up. We found out today that the septic is still there. So the issue is no longer what to charge them, it's whether or not they should be hooked up to the sewer system. This goes for the three cottages as well. When the property sells, this will have to be evaluated. Paul suggested sending a letter to the bank making them aware of the situation. We should also form some kind of policy requiring hookup if available.

Discuss/decide bill for jetting sewer line on Ridges Road – Jim P. moved to the other side of the table for this discussion. This was a lateral that was busted by Parent Enterprises and sand and gravel got down in it, so it had to be jetted. The bill is paid for already, but Don was wondering if we should pass part of the bill along. Jim P. stated he wouldn't mind paying some of it. If the lateral would've been where it was supposed to be, they wouldn't have hit it. The bill was for about \$778.00. Jim P. asked that the committee take into consideration that the lateral shifted a different way than it was supposed to and offered to pay \$500. Motion made/second Gary/Paul to accept the offer of \$500. Carried, with Jim Anschutz abstaining.

Discuss/decide repairs to generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant – During the last power outage, they had a leaky water pump, so they went ahead and had it repaired. They then found a leak in the water jacket. It will be a pretty hefty bill. The water jacket piece itself was \$900. Don doesn't have a total yet, but will be probably be anywhere from \$2,000 to \$5,000. The generator is an '88. It's a necessity, so it needed to be fixed. Don just wanted to let the committee know. We may budget for a new one a few years down the road.

Discuss/decide replacement of pumps at Lift Station #4 – The station has 3 pumps. All 3 have impellers that are worn. They are 22 years old. Don priced out new ones. In 1988, they bought the 3 pumps for \$13,350. Now they would be \$13,559. We could just do one right now and another one next year. These would come out of the replacement fund. New ones are more efficient, but it doesn't cause any problems in the station if there's a mix of old and new. New ones are supposed save about 25% electricity. If we just did the impellers it would be around \$3,000. If the pumps are rebuilt, it costs about as much as a new one. Lift station 4 handles everything from the fish cleaning station. It's the second most important station in town. We could possibly get grant funding for this as well. We'll hold off on a decision for right now. Don will do some more research into grant opportunities.

Discuss/decide fees for sewer line televising services performed by Wastewater Treatment Plant staff – Don is wondering if and how much they should be charging when they are called for televising services. Dale Williams was in attendance and suggested only doing it for emergencies and keep the prices the same as anyone else, so as not to compete with private enterprise. Gary suggested their first question should be, "have you tried somebody else?" Don will find out what other people charge.

Don Prust – Sewer Report – Don delivered the sewer report.

Committee input – None.

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

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk