

MINUTES OF PORTER TOWNSHIP SEWER BOARD

September 6, 2011

The Sewer Board Meeting was called to order by Carl Klappauf, Chairman at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Carl Klappauf, Dave Nagy, John Penkala, Gert Temple, Pat Keirn (alternate)

Board Members Absent: Denise Lamphier

Others present: Leard Wylie (Township Board Representative), Brandy Murphy Sewer Dept.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion made by Dave Nagy, seconded by Carl Klappauf to accept the minutes with one correction in spelling of the name “Waas” to “Wos.”

Carl Klappauf informed the board that Denise Lamphier has resigned. He will provide Dan Harvey with a copy of her letter of resignation. He has also asked her to provide a copy of her letter direct to Marty.

Public Comments

Charlie Reid, owner of the property that is kitty-corner across the street from C-1 spoke in regards to odor issues at C-1. It was very much of a problem this past week-end when people were at his home for his daughter’s wedding.

Leard commented that he was aware that the problem was not corrected. A meeting has been held between Matt Houser – Severn & Trent, Ken Jones – Wightman-Petrie, Josh – Severn & Trent and Leard; testing was done and they are now going to analyze the test results and come up with a solution. Leard stated that there will be no more band-aids, however, the time frame for completing this is unknown at this time. Carl suggested that Charlie keep a log that includes day, weather conditions, time, etc. as well as contacting the plant every time the odor becomes an issue. Leard also stated that this may require a capitol dollar improvement in order to eliminate the problem.

Financial Review

John reported that all large bills were paid for the month of August. Approximately, \$36,000.00 loss is showing for the month; included in this is the \$48,023.00 sent to Severn & Trent which is 19,346.00 over budget.

The May collections showed up as very low and the June collections were very high which, was cause for concern. John spoke with Helen and found that there were large deposits made at the end of May that had been returned from the bank causing them to be re-deposited in June; thus, causing the high June deposits.

Currently, it appears that there is \$25,000.00 in the budget for catastrophic events between now and March, 2012. Dave Nagy brought up the fact that although we appear to be looking good we are only looking at one side of the picture. We are looking at the maintenance side of the budget; the other side, the debt side, is another picture completely. Discussion was held in regards to the debt side of the budget. It was also noted that currently the township is picking up the office portion of the budget and this will have to be repaid to the township. Due to the fact that the sewer side owes the township we need to be aware that the \$25,000.00 is probably not available.

Continued discussion on the operations budget determined that we will have to make some changes in the future.

Severn & Trent:

No report.

Septage Hauling:

Leard reported that the plant has been modified and all the paperwork has been compiled. Ken is waiting for September 9, 2011, (the ordinance will be in effect) to submit all the documents. He believes that it will take 30-60 days from that time for us to receive approval from the state. Ken will also be sending a notice to all haulers in this area when we are available to accept septage.

Bonds:

A discussion was held in regards to the bonds. It was noted that the Township Board is in the process of passing a resolution to refinance and payoff a portion of the bonds. This will then be passed on to the county for notification of Porter Township's intent. The bonds can begin to be paid off immediately. Dave, John & Leard all explained the differences between the 5 alternative ways of paying this debt. A motion was made by Pat Keirn and seconded by John Penkala that we stand behind the township and recommend alternative #4. Vote passed

Grants:

No report.

Sewer Department:

- John Letherman – The sewer board was given documentation from Brandy indicating that there were several contacts made to Mr. Leatherman requesting that he hook-up his property to the sewer system. As a result of this information, Dave Nagy made a motion, seconded by Gert Temple that the sewer board rescind their previous recommendation to allow Mr. Leatherman an 18 month referendum for hook-up and that a letter be sent to him stating that he has until October 12, 2011 to hook up both the barn and the house. Vote passed.
- Letter was sent to Stephanie Hettmansperger – hook-up date is October 15, 2011, No response has been received from her.
- Stanley Wos – No response has been received. Hook-up date is October 18, 2011

- Sandra Decicco – No response has been received. Hook-up date is November 22, 2011
- Myrkle & Dygulski property is in the hands of Mike.

RFP's

Four responses have been received. The board would like a recommendation for the top two by October 11, 2011. A special meeting will be held on September 20, 2011, at 7pm at the township hall. Carl to notify Marty.

New Business:

Vickie Amos – This property was hooked up by the township over a year ago and it was not done correctly. There is an electrical cord hanging out the bathroom window to the lift pump. Motion was made by Dave Nagy and seconded by Carl Klappauf that the township board have this completed to meet state and local building codes. Vote passed.

News Letter – Send out a news letter with the sewer bill, in regards to the things that are happening in this area was discussed. The point is to let the people know all of the good things that are happening, e.g. taking in sewage etc., and to try to avoid rumors.

Gert Temple requested that the property at 69995 Sunset Blvd be checked. It appears to have two guest houses on this property.

Dave made the motion to adjourn at 10:15pm seconded by Carl Klappauf. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patricia Keirn
Sewer Board Secretary