

Minutes of Porter Township Sewer Board

October 6, 2020

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

Roll Call

Board members present: Carl Klappauf, Dave Nagy, Roery MaClean, and Ron Jaski (alternate). Board members absent: Jeff Moore, John Penkala and Leard Wylie (Township Board Representative). Others present: Ray Galovich (IA representative). Quorum is established. Meeting will proceed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Carl Klappauf, seconded by Dave Nagy to accept the minutes of September 1, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

A letter by Jeff Moore regarding his resignation from the Sewer Board was read by Carl Klappauf. A motion was made by Carl Klappauf and seconded by Roery MaClean to recommend to the Township Board to elevate alternate Ron Jaski to a full member of the Sewer Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

REPORTS

Financial Review-John Penkala

In the absence of John Penkala, the financial review was tabled until the next scheduled meeting with a motion by Carl Klappauf and seconded by Dave Nagy. Motion passed.

Township Review-Carl Klappauf

A report was given. Township Board was informed the relocation of gas pipe from sewer district right-of-way has not occurred. Township supervisor needs location of gas pipe in order to write a letter to the gas company.

IA's Monthly Report-Ray Galovich

Ray stated that the Sewer Plant continues to run in excellent condition. No emergency callouts occurred during September 2020. The Manhole Smoke Testing program was performed at Shavehead Lake with no illegal hook-ups detected. Septage receiving tank engineering estimate (75,000 gallon holding tank) is \$17.7k. Ray will meet with John Penkala to determine if there are monies available in the current budget to immediately proceed with the engineering/permitting aspect of this project. The amount required to begin the engineering/permitting aspect of this project is \$8.5k. The Sewer Board would like to commence with this project in order to begin construction in the Spring of 2021.

9-3-2020 The SRS (Beast) was inspected and normal maintenance was performed by Enviro-Care, the manufacturer of the beast. The Beast was deemed to be in excellent shape.

9-22-2020 The Septage Receiving Station was thoroughly cleaned by vendor Clean Earth. A large amount of grit and sand was removed.

Crack filling of the EQ Basin/Solids Tank top surface continues as weather permits.

Bio-solid disposal is waiting on the crops to be removed from the fields.

Ray again expressed his need to receive timely, accurate and updated information of land splits from the Township. Ray's ability to provide his services is dependent on this information.

Septage Receiving Activity-Dave Nagy

Dave Nagy presented charts reporting that septage receiving activity for September 2020 totaled 150,657 gallons which represents 334 REU equivalents and \$11,676 in sales.

OLD BUSINESS

Periodic Review of Ordinances-Carl Klappauf

Ongoing review.

250-foot change to Ordinances – Carl Klappauf

The elimination of the 250ft requirement to hook up to the sewer has been denied by the Township Board.

Past due penalties – John Penkala

John Penkala will research the possibility of sending a letter to customers with a past due balance. This issue was tabled to the next scheduled meeting due to the absence of John Penkala

Smoke testing of Sewer – Ray Galovich

The Manhole Smoke Testing program was performed at Shavehead Lake with no illegal hook-ups detected.

Bio-solid disposal

Bio-solid disposal is waiting on the crops to be removed from the fields

NEW BUSSINESS

Michael C. Waumans Jr.

A letter was sent (via email: porter@portertownship.org) to the Sewer Board by Mr. Waumans' attorney, Michael M. Bell, stating Lift Station C6 was located improperly on Mr. Waumans' property. Carl Klappauf stated the Township attorney was currently handling this issue.

Miscellaneous

None.

Next Sewer Board meeting is Wednesday,11/4/2020, at 7:00pm at the Sewer Plant. **NOTE DAY AND LOCATION CHANGE**

Motion made by Carl Klappauf and seconded by Dave Nagy to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David Nagy for John Penkala, Sewer Board Sec