

Minutes of Porter Township Sewer Board

October 5, 2021

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dave Nagy, seconded by Ron Jaski to accept the minutes of August 3, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

REPORTS

Financial Review-John Penkala

John Penkala was absent so a full financial review was postponed until next meeting. Carl Klappauf reported that input from John Penkala said the maintenance budget was scored 8 out of 10 and the debt budget was scored 10 out of 10.

Township Review-Carl Klappauf

Carl Klappauf reviewed his presentation at the Township Board meeting held on September 14, 2021. The IA Loan is still pending. Carl advised that the Sewer Board will request a special meeting with the Township Board sometime in November to review the maintenance budget. Carl also informed the Township Board several homes are being constructed before the sewer taps are installed. This is in violation of the Sewer Permit and Building permit process. The Township Board has been requested to rectify this situation with the building department.

IA's Monthly Report-Ray Galovich

Ray stated that the Sewer Plant continues to run in excellent condition. The Septage Receiving Tank project is still waiting on an EGLE permit although approval is anticipated in the very near future due to EGLE's better understanding of this project. An insurance claim for storm damage on 8/12/21 to the EQ basin has been submitted but no response from the insurance carrier has been received as of this date.

Septage Receiving Activity-Dave Nagy

Dave Nagy presented charts reporting that septage receiving activity for September 2021 was 123,450 gallons generating \$9,567 for the month. YTD sales is \$87,485. Septage activity continues at a high level.

OLD BUSINESS

Periodic Review of Ordinances-Carl Klappauf

Ongoing review.

Piraccini property 090-008-00 – Ray Galovich

The Township lawyer has been contacted to require the owner to make the proper provisions for a sewer inspection to be done. Awaiting results of the September 24, 2021 court hearing

Harman property 290-007-01 - John Penkala

The first monthly connection fee has been billed. The monthly Utility billing has not started.

Cornell Property 290-008-00 - John Penkala

An outbuilding is connected to the sewer, the monthly utility billing has started, and the main house has not been hooked to the sewer yet.

De Groote property 110-004-00 - John Penkala

The \$11,000 connection letter has been sent and the monthly utility billing has started for properties without a kitchen per inspection. A 2nd letter was discussed to ask for payment of connection fees. Carl will follow up at the Township Board meeting on Sept14, 2021.

Ickes property 455-009-00 - John Penkala

The monthly utility billing has not started.

Utley Property 055-108-00 – John Penkala

The monthly utility billing has not started.

House is being built before sewer taps are installed.

Tully/Inspired Homes 455-017-00 – John Penkala

The connection letter has been sent.

VanZile property 030-001-50 – John Penkala

The connection letter has been sent.

House is being built before sewer taps are installed.

Lehman property 209-058-17 – John Penkala

The connection letter has been sent.

House is being built before sewer taps are installed.

Sculati 3 properties – John Penkala

The connection letter has sent.

House is being built before sewer taps are installed.

Miller Property 455-013-00 – John Penkala

The connection letter has been sent.

Stolfus property – John Penkala

No activity.

Jones 030-004-85 – John Penkala

No activity.

Treasure Island properties – Leard Wylie

Leard Wylie will continue to monitor

Oak Street Property – Leard Wylie

Cass County will take care of this

Wauaman's property and C6 – Carl Klappauf

No update at this time. Situation still being resolved by legal counsel.

R, R, I Fund discussion – Dave Nagy

Continued discussion on the proper funding and use of the R, R & I fund.

IA Loan – Carl Klappauf

Waiting on the finalization of project costs to forward to IA.

Septage Holding Tank Project – Ray Galovich

The Septage Receiving Tank project is still waiting on an EGLE permit although approval is anticipated in the very near future due to EGLE's better understanding of this project..

Federal Covid Relief – John Penkala

No new information at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by D. Nagy and seconded by C. Klappauf to request authorization for the Township Attorney to send written notification to sewer customers Dzung Nguyen (14-120-030-031-03) and David & Karen Behrens (14-120-018-012-40) regarding corrective action to be taken by the WWTP to uncover manholes B-85 and GK-3 respectively that were paved over by the respective customers. Cost of repairs to be billed to each respective customer. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous

None.

Next Sewer Board meeting is **Tuesday November 2, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Sewer Plant.**

Motion made by Carl Klappauf and seconded by Dave Nagy to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David Nagy for John Penkala