

Minutes of Porter Township Sewer Board

August 2, 2022

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, Kim Evans, Al Newvine and Leard Wylie (Township Board Representative) Board members absent: John Penkala, Roery MaClean. Others present: Rob Smith and John Barthels (IA representatives). Quorum is established. Meeting will proceed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Carl Klappauf, seconded by Dave Nagy to accept the minutes of July 5, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

REPORTS

IA's Monthly Report-Rob Smith

- Rob stated that the Sewer Plant continues to run in good condition although the plant's ammonia discharge is higher than what is anticipated due to the septage treatment. Currently our discharge permit does not control ammonia discharge, the ammonia discharge limit is anticipated to soon become part of our discharge permit.
- There were numerous emergency callouts during July 2022 mostly due to power outages.
- The low amount of septage received during June was again discussed.
- Actuator control assembly for the influent valve for SBR #1 broke on 7/21/2022, maxing out on the operating capacity of SBR #2 and might have to back down on septage intake. Rob, with outstanding performance on his part, found a new inside gear on ebay for \$72, manufacture wanted over \$900. SBR #1 was put back in service on 7/29/2022.
- Rob ordered (1) brand new actuator control assembly from the manufacture for our system is Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc., approximate cost is \$6k. Rob also found (2) used on Ebay and bought those.
- Rob will develop a comprehensive list of spare parts to have on-hand for future repairs on both SBR #1 & SBR #2, including cost for budgeting purposes.
- Clean Earth cleaned out Post Aeration Tank on 7/29/2022.
- Septage Receiving Tank (75k gallons) is anticipated to be functional by end of August 2022.
- Rob will issue a letter to all septage haulers asking for picture verification of the flow meter along with the hauler's discharge slip. Future anticipated system upgrades will eliminate the need for this activity as an upgrade to the system will provide, electronically, all the information required by the Sewer Plant. Anticipated cost to upgrade to electronic verification is \$20k.

Septage Receiving Activity-Dave Nagy

Dave Nagy stated 163,621 gallons of septage generating \$12,681 were received during the month of June 2022.

Financial Review-John Penkala

None available due to John Penkala's absence due to voting day responsibilities.

Township Review-Carl Klappauf

Carl Klappauf reviewed his presentation to the Township Board meeting held on July 5, 2022. A motion was presented to the Township Board: The Sewer Board requests the Township Board to consider appropriating \$75,000 or more from the 2nd ARPA payment to be used towards payment of the Septage receiving Tank Project

OLD BUSINESS

Periodic Review of Ordinances-Carl Klappauf

Ongoing review.

Connections to sewer (see list) John Penkala

John Penkala continues to monitor.

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

John Barthels (IA representative) presented a spread sheet detailing the projected costs (not final) for the Septage Receiving Tank (75k gallons). Currently, the total cost is projected to be \$295,893.71. This final cost will be updated, if required, at the completion of the project.

Federal Covid Relief – John Penkala

No update at this time.

State Grants – John Penkala

John Penkala continues to monitor.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

Adding an Alternate to the Sewer Board

Still in need of a qualified alternate.

The next Sewer Board meeting is **Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.**

Motion made by Carl Klappauf and seconded by Leard Wylie to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David Nagy for John Penkala