

Minutes of Porter Township Sewer Board

November 1, 2022

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dave Nagy, seconded by Carl Klappauf to accept the minutes of October 4, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments/Questions from the floor

None

REPORTS

IA's Monthly Report-Rob Smith

- Rob stated that the Sewer Plant continues to run in excellent condition.
- Rob announced that he will be promoted to area manager and will be at the Sewer Plant 2-3 days per week. The IAI regional manager will be at the Sewer Plant 2-3 days per week. Ray Stoddard will get his Class B license in the fall of 2023.
- Dave Nagy stated that the IAI contract requires that a person with a Class B license be at the Sewer Plant full time.
- The new decanter has been ordered from Aqua-Aerobics.
- Rob presented a proposal to purchase a used belt press from Bio-Tech Agronomics for \$36,000. During October Septage receiving was shut down because the tank needed to be pumped and the agricultural field it is dumped on was not harvested. The belt press would eliminate the need for pumping (a savings of 3 pump outs per year totaling \$45,000-\$60,000) because the solids would be put into container and hauled to a landfill for less cost. The dependence on the status of an agricultural field would also be eliminated.
- **Motion1:** The Sewer Board recommends to the Township Board to purchase a used belt press from BioTech Agronomics for \$36,000 and requests that \$36,000 from the second ARPA allocation be used to pay for it. Motion made by Dave Nagy, seconded by Carl Klappauf. Motion passed unanimously.
- Biotech pumped out the sludge storage in October totaling 300,000 gallons.

Septage Receiving Activity-Dave Nagy

Dave Nagy stated 125,518 gallons of septage generating \$9,728 were received during the month of October 2022.

Financial Review-John Penkala

Total past due amount is \$71,151 at 10/31/22. All connection fees are either paid or current. Financial statements were reviewed and John stated that the statements were missing many invoices from previous months that were received late.

Township Review-Carl Klappauf

Carl Klappauf reviewed his presentation to the Township Board meeting held on October 11, 2022. Carl stated that the Township Board accepted the verbal resignation of Roery MaClean.

OLD BUSINESS

Periodic Review of Ordinances-Carl Klappauf

Ongoing review.

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

The amount is not final yet.

Federal Covid Relief – John Penkala

Federal Covid relief money was used to pay for the SBR #1 decanter for \$49,947.

State Grants – John Penkala

John Penkala continues to monitor.

WWTP driveway/lot – Carl Klappauf

Work cannot be started until it warms up in the spring of 2023.

Sewer Board Alternate member – Carl Klappauf

The sewer board still needs to fill the position of alternate.

North Drive - Carl Klappauf

Carl Klappauf will continue to monitor.

Federal Grants – Dave Nagy

Dave Nagy will continue to monitor.

New Business

Union Market REU's – John Penkala

Parcel # 14-120-207-056-40 at 15940 US 12 formerly known as the Union Market should have the Reu's charged to them reduced from 2 to 1 since it is no longer a functioning market.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Penkala

Sewer Board Secretary