

## **Minutes of Porter Township Sewer Board**

**December 5, 2023**

The Sewer Board Meeting was called to order by Carl Klappauf, Chairman, at 6:00pm at the Township Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

Board members present: Carl Klappauf, Dave Nagy, Al Newvine, Debra Hughes, and Leard Wylie (Township Board representative). Board members absent: John Penkala. Others present: Jon Petrsek (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 November 7, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comments/Questions from the floor**

None

### **REPORTS**

#### **IA's Monthly Report-Jon Petrsek**

- Jon stated that the plant is running well.
- Jon reviewed the IAI report for October 2023.
- John Barthels was not present to finalize the repayment of the belt press. Jon Petrsek will contact John Barthels to set up his presence at the January 2, 2024, Sewer Board meeting,
- Jon addressed the alleged odor complaint email. It was determined this was a malicious complaint.
- Jon addressed the issue of a septic hauler misusing the septic receiving station equipment. It was decided that Carl Klappauf will draft a letter to this septic hauler outlining the consequences of further abuse.
- Jon addressed the need to winterize the septic receiving building.

#### **Septage Receiving Activity-Dave Nagy**

Dave Nagy stated 82,564 gallons of septage generating \$7,431 in sales were received during the month of November 2023. It was further noted that at this pace, 2023 total gallons received will fall short of the 2022 total gallons received by approximately 200,000 gallons.

#### **Financial Review-John Penkala**

No financial review is available for this meeting.

#### **Township Review-Carl Klappauf**

Carl Klappauf reviewed his presentation to the Township Board meeting held on November 14, 2023.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Periodic Review of Ordinances-Carl Klappauf**

Ongoing review.

### **R, R, I Fund discussion – Dave Nagy**

This item will be removed from future agendas.

### **Federal Covid Relief – Leard Wylie**

This item will be removed from future agendas.

### **Sewer Board Alternate member – Carl Klappauf**

The Sewer Board is still looking for an alternate member.

## **New Business**

Property #14-120-210-005; Address: 69390 Bellows Road, White Pigeon MI 49099. This property is in the Special Assessment District and required to hook-up to the public sewer per Sewer Connection & Rate Ordinance 2-1-04, Article III, Section 303.

This property has installed a private septic system on 2/15/2023 that was permitted by the Van Buren/Cass District Health Department under Permit #CS23-116.

A motion was made by Al Newvine and seconded by Debra Hughes to request the Township Board contact the township attorney and have the attorney contact, in writing, the property owner of record and explain their violation of the ordinance and propose options to rectify the situation. Motion passed unanimously. Attached is the full motion.

The next Sewer Board meeting is Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at the Township Hall at 6:00pm.

Motioned made by Carl Klappauf, seconded by Dave Nagy to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David J. Nagy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

David Nagy for John Penkala

Sewer Board Secretary

### Motion passed on 12/05/2023

A motion was passed by the Sewer Board that recommends the Township Board to:

Authorize township attorney to notify, in writing, the owner of record of Property #14-120-210-005 they are in violation of Sewer Ordinance 2-1-04. Article 111, Section 303 by not hooking up to the public sewer and instead installed a private septic system. This property is in the Special Assessment District and has lake frontage with Long Lake.

Further, the Township Board is requested to authorize one of two proposed solutions to rectify this situation:

1. Connect property to public sewer system and decommission their private septic system.
2. Split property in two sections. The lakefront parcel will eventually connect to the public sewer system. The back parcel, with no lake frontage, will keep their recently installed private septic system as allowed by Sewer Ordinance 2-1-04, Article II, Section 201, Subsection (1).