

LELAND TOWNSHIP SEWER COMMISSION
Friday, May 5, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Leland Township Office
224 W. Main Street, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
MINUTES

A quorum was not present

PRESENT: Treasurer Shirley Garthe, Chair Jim Redmond, Steve Patmore

ABSENT: Susan Och, Frank Migda, Richard Roberts

GUESTS: Steve Mikowski, IAI representatives

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Redmond called the workshop meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – no additions

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - none

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES -A quorum was not present for approval of minutes.

December 2, 2022 – Workshop meeting

January 6, 2023 – Workshop meeting

February 3, 2023 – Workshop meeting

March 3, 2023 – Workshop meeting

April 7, 2023 – Workshop meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Mikowski – he asked if there is an ongoing recording of REU’s. it should be reported every month.

REPORTS

1. Treasurer (report on file in Leland Township Office)
Ms. Garthe reported on income and expenses in the Sewer Operating and Improvement funds. Reports were distributed to the Commission members. There is about \$305,000 in sewer improvement and \$26,000 in operating.
2. Sewer Administrator, Monthly report and update on current projects.
The report was distributed to Commission members.
They are preparing to do the hydrogen sulfide for odor. A bulk tank will be installed at the sewer plant. It is a lot less expensive to buy the hydrogen sulfide in bulk. Other ways to deal with the odor are still being researched.
Seven slightly used aerators were purchased from another plant.
Elmer’s will be looking at the influent flow meters.
The Thompson Street guard rails are planned to be installed May 15.

Mr. Patmore explained a recent call on a septic tank. Roots were removed and risers were put in. However, the line is plugged from work that was done 30 years ago on the owners side of the system. The Sewer Commission is not responsible for that repair.

A new house on West Street paid the connection fee.

Ms. Och offered information on asset management.

3. Operation Reports – Infrastructure Alternatives Inc.

There were issues with several lift stations this month. Mitch explained the work that was done, which is also outlined in the report. The purchase of aerators looked in good shape. The cost was \$6,000 for 7 aerators.

The report was distributed to Commission members.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Sewer Billing Rate Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2023

The letter for the past rate change was on the website. A rate recommendation will be discussed at the June Township meeting. Mr. Patmore provided a “sewer billing rate history”. The Board will vote on the rate recommendation.

The Township can accept payments on line. There has not been any feedback from the public about a rate change. There is a connection fee increase.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Ms. Garthe – the Township Board has been vigorous about recruiting someone for the Sewer Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Mikowski – He wanted to know what is the situation about getting a new sewer commissioner. One person has showed interest, but she has not done an application. Mr. Milkowski suggested that a Township board member could fill in to get things done.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 2, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Jim Redmond, Chair

Lisa Brookfield, Township Clerk