

LELAND TOWNSHIP SEWER COMMISSION
Friday, September 1, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Leland Township Office
489 W. Main Street, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
MINUTES

Quorum not present

PRESENT: Treasurer Shirley Garthe, Chair Jim Redmond

ABSENT: Richard Roberts, Frank Migda

STAFF: Steve Patmore, Mitch Gawrysiak

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 - *Quorum not present*

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES - *Quorum not present.*

July 7, 2023 – Regular meeting

August 4, 2023 – Regular meeting

Minutes to be approved at next meeting.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Mikowski – He expressed concern about the number of REU’s applied to 211 North Main. Steve Patmore explained there was a house there that was taken down. There is a septic there. It will be commercial on the first floor, residential on the 2nd and 3rd floor. The property did have 1 REU. He will know how many REU’s it will have once the plans are formalized. Mr. Mikowski would like to know the number of empty lots in Leland that will require REU’s. He would like a running report every month of the remaining REU’s. Mr. Patmore remarked that capacity is monitored by flow.

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. A large bill of \$6,000 was paid to Bay Pumping for construction work.

Sewer Administrator, Monthly report and update on current projects.

Report was distributed to Commission members. Affluent flow was good. Influent started to go down; now at 2.9. It is a little higher than what they would like, but within limits. An Influent flow meter was installed. There was discussion about the gathering of flow data.

2. Operation Reports – Infrastructure Alternatives Inc.

Report was distributed to Commission members. Call outs and maintenance items were reviewed for the month. Steve Patmore discussed methods for odor control.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Evaluation and cleaning of drainfield beds

Mr. Patmore explained the operation and cleaning of drainfield beds. Beds that are faulty have been identified. They will televise the laterals and flush it. A maintenance program is being developed that includes flushing, monitoring and jetting.

2. Discussion on H2S and odor control methods at lift stations.

Calcium nitrate treatment will continue. Other methods will still be investigated.

3. Discussion on obtaining utility vehicle for work around WWTP and drainbeds.

A small vehicle would be most helpful. A truck would be too large.

4. Discussion on commercial grease trap and septic tank pumping policy.

Grease traps are the property owner’s responsibility. Mr. Patmore will investigate and report next month.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Jim Redmond - New members are needed for the Sewer Commission. A clock is needed in the meeting room.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

NEXT MEETING: Friday, October 6, 2023, 10:00 AM

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Jim Redmond, Chair

Lisa Brookfield, Township Clerk