

LELAND TOWNSHIP SEWER COMMISSION

Friday, June 3, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Leland Township Office

224 W. Main Street, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Richard Roberts

GUESTS: Mitch Gawrysiak (IAI), Gabe Walker (IAI), Bob Polanic (IAI), Susan Och, Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Redmond called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Ms. Garthe moved to approve the agenda as presented; supported by Mr. Migda. Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Redmond will be working for Fishtown Preservation through the summer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Ms. Garthe moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2022 as presented: supported by Mr. Migda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Och – She stated that she was glad that issues are being promptly addressed. The drain field looks great. She is happy about the coordination involved in completing 3 different projects with one hole in Fishtown. She asked if critical parts of the sewer system have been identified and are those parts being TV monitored. Reply: Jim Redmond stated that an assessment is being done and will be finished early fall. Mr. Patmore that manholes that were redone are TV monitored. TV surveillance is not being done otherwise. IAI reported that in the past contracted companies would do that work. Chandler Street was unable to be TV monitored.

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 was nothing unusual this month.

ACTION: Ms. Garthe moved to approve the Treasurer's report, supported by Mr. Migda. Motion carried.

2. Sewer Administrator, Steve Patmore (report on file in Leland Township Office)

The gravity sewer piping should be finished today in Fishtown. This project will greatly reduce maintenance. This is a big improvement to the system. The lift stations at the Harbor would be the most important part of the system to be monitored. There is a new water meter in the Harbor building. Next Tuesday there will be repaving. Jim Redmond reported that there is a ribbon cutting on Wednesday.

The product needed for odor control is at the plant. The Harbor is ready to receive it. The Sewer Commission would like to purchase a trailer to transport the product to the Harbor on a weekly basis. The cost of the desired trailer is \$2275.00. The Board will support any licensing fees, etc. that would be needed.

ACTION: Ms. Garthe moved to purchase a trailer not to exceed \$2500.00 to move the odor product from the plant to the marina every week; supported by Mr. Migda.

Motion carried.

Mr. Patmore explained how the chemical will be used. Initially, 50 gallons a day will be needed, but less will be needed as treatment goes on. At first, readings will be monitored every day, then maybe once a week when the treatment gets established. This treatment will also help with corrosion and extend the life of the system. The flow meter that was ordered has not arrived yet. Dosing valves at the plant have been replaced. It is recommended that 2 aerators at the lagoon be repaired and purchase a new one. The total cost will be about \$20,000 – \$25,000. It is a good idea to keep a spare one. IAI reported that the more that aerators get repaired the less time they run before breaking down again. Mr. Patmore will be keeping a maintenance record of the aerators. They will be ordered ASAP. This purchase was projected in the budget.

3. Operation Reports – Infrastructure Alternatives Inc. (report on file in Leland Township Office)

Mitch Gawrysiak submitted a report of work that was done for the month. It was a busy month for step pumps.

The phosphorus level was at 0.93 last month which is very good. The monitor well came back at 0.92. Ms. Och noticed that there were a lot of float callouts. Should a schedule be set up for float replacement? The floats will be replaced when there is a call-out and others at the site will be replaced. They are being pro-active with that. IAI suggested that seasonal homes could be flushed with fresh water before leaving so the floats do not sit in sewer water for an extended period of time. A notice could be put on the bill. Also a list of residents with step pumps will be made as they go.

Mr. Patmore reported that there was one new connection fee this month.

IAI was able to redo a step chamber which is a job that is usually contracted out.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Lagoon Aerator Recommendation – purchase one new and re-build two existing (have a spare) – covered in report above.
2. Trailer for calcium nitrate and other general use – covered in report above.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Och – She asked about the schedule for pumping of tanks. Reply: Mr. Patmore is doing what he can. There is still only one company doing pumping and it is a problem getting them out to Leelanau County. However, they have been able to take care of emergencies.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, July 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION: Ms. Garthe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.; supported by Mr. Migda. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Jim Redmond, Chair

Lisa Brookfield, Township Clerk