

**JOHNSBURG SANITARY DISTRICT
MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 9, 2023
5:00 P.M.
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARSONAGE**

Members present: President Franz Schmitz and Commissioners Ken Schneider and Jason Meyer. Also present: Recording Secretary Brenda Schneider; Mason Steffes, Signature Homes by Adashun & Jones; and, James Wilsman.

1. Call to order. President Schmitz called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2/2/2023 meeting. Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Jason Meyer, to approve the minutes of the February 2nd monthly meeting. Motion carried (3-0).

5. Consideration and possible action regarding a violation of the Sewer Use Ordinance pertaining to the use of Schedule 40 pipe. A lateral connection was made in July, 2022, at N9226 Meyer Court. The permit states use of Schedule 40 pipe is required. Signature Homes did not inform Kinas of this requirement, Kinas did not inquire about any extraordinary requirement and the District's Inspector failed to notice the use of Schedule 35 pipe.

During the January meeting, Mason Steffes quoted Section 382.03 of the Uniform Dwelling Code which states the following:

SPS 382.03 Application. (1) The provisions of this chapter are not retroactive, unless specifically stated otherwise in the rule.

(2) Pursuant to s. 145.13, Stats., this chapter is uniform in application and a municipality may not enact an ordinance for the design, construction, installation, supervision, maintenance and inspection of plumbing which is more stringent than this chapter, except as specifically permitted by rule.

After considerable research, the Recording Secretary informed the Commission that the above subsection was created and became effective on 5/1/2003. The District's Ordinance was adopted on 10/2/2003.

Jason Meyer reported speaking to Attorney Steve Sorenson during a Lake Area Public Works Meeting. Sorenson and members in attendance were not aware of the noted subsection and commented on a municipality's ability to create regulations more restrictive than State Statutes, etc., but not less restrictive. Attorney Sorenson planned to research the matter. Meyer has not yet received his opinion.

Mason Steffes informed the Commission that Signature Homes, Kinas Excavating and the Wilsmans came to an agreement pertaining to an extended 3-year warranty provided by Kinas.

Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Jason Meyer, to acknowledge the submittal of a 3-year warranty provided by Kinas, signed by Kinas and Wilsman, as a resolution to the non-compliant use of Schedule 35 pipe; and, owner acknowledges his responsibility to maintain and repair, as needed, the lateral pipe serving his property. Motion carried (3-0).

3. Discussion and possible action regarding operational issues:
 - a. Meter station. Nothing to report at this time. Commission will solicit a quote from Synergy Sales, LLC, to add Missions Communication technology to the meter station in order to track flows remotely.
 - b. Lift Stations. The February pump runtime reports were reviewed. The Commission noted increased pump run times during and shortly after a recent rain event. It was previously discussed that Taycheedah Sanitary District #3 hires Speedy Clean to clean their lift stations. Ken reported, unlike Sabel Mechanical, Speedy Clean does not inspect the valves and other equipment.
 - c. Grinder pump stations. The station serving the Joe Meyer property now appears to be functioning properly.
 - d. Clearwater Inspections. Nothing to report at this time.

- e. Other operational issues. During preventative maintenance work, Sabel Mechanical discovered an issue with an air release near the controlled discharge station. Sabel submitted a quote of \$1,650.34 to make the necessary repairs. Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Jason Meyer, to accept the quote of \$1,650.34 from Sabel Mechanical to repair the malfunctioning valves. Motion carried (3-0).
4. Consideration and possible acceptance of the Agreement for the Allocation of Costs and Transportation of Wastewater Between Taycheedah Sanitary District No. 1 and Johnsbury Sanitary District. Consideration postponed to the next monthly meeting. It was noted the most recent O&M bill from TSD#1 was for 3rd quarter 2019. TSD#1 asked Kathy Diederich during the October 27th, 20022, Joint Sanitary District Meeting to compile the O&M bills as soon as reasonably possible. The bills have not yet been received.
6. Discuss inspection and Digger's Hotline locating services. Andy Karls has decided to retire. Mike Sabel has been filling-in since November when Andy was suddenly unavailable. Jeremy Bord is not interested in this work due to the limited time to complete the locates and his work schedule. Motion by Jason Meyer, second by Ken Schneider, to appoint Mike Sabel as the Digger's Hotline Locator; and, Jason Meyer and Ken Schneider as the connection inspectors. Motion carried (3-0).
7. Approval of District bills. Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Jason Meyer, to approve the bills (order #18-26), for a total of \$4,725.62, and to authorize the following:
- Transfer \$4,500 from the Operations/User Charge Account to the regular checking account, Motion carried (3-0).
9. Schedule the next meeting. The next monthly meeting of the Commission is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, at 5:00 pm.
9. Adjournment. President Schmitz declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Attest. _____

Brenda A. Schneider
District Recording Secretary