

TAYCHEEDAH SANITARY DISTRICT #3
MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING
August 23, 2023
5:30 P.M.
TAYCHEEDAH TOWN HALL

Members present: President Katherine Diederich, and Commissioners Brian Mand and Mark Haensgen. Also present: Recording Secretary Brenda Schneider and Inspector John Rickert.

Call to order. President Diederich called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the minutes of the 6/14/2023 monthly meeting. Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Mark Haensgen, to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted on June 14th. Motion carried (3-0). Note: The Commission did not meet during the month of July.

Approval of the bills. Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Brian Mand, to approve the bills for July (order #60-73), for a total of \$23,104.12. Motion carried (3-0).

Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Mark Haensgen, to approve the bills for August (order #74-82), for a total of \$3,069.90. Motion carried (3-0).

Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Brian Mand, to authorize the following:

- Transfer \$26,000.00 from the Operations/User Charge Account to the regular checking account, and
- Transfer \$134.56 from the Operations/Inspections Account to the regular checking account.

Motion carried (3-0).

Sewer System Maintenance:

1. Consideration and possible action regarding general maintenance and operational issues:
 - a. Meter Stations. The lift stations are running really well. Routine cleaning seems to have improved their operation.
 - b. Lift Stations. The June and July pump-run time reports for all lift stations were reviewed.
 - i. Discuss the purchase of generators, access to a generator and the equipment to operate it. (*Reprinted from February 24, 2022 meeting.*) Randy Rieder offered the District use of the Town's portable generator noting that sanitary district use was the purpose of the purchase. Mark Haensgen and John Rickert will work with Randy to test the generator at one of the lift stations. Proceeding with the possible purchase of a stationary generator will be based upon the result of the testing. John Rickert, Mark Haensgen and Randy Rieder met a couple of time to test the generator. They have not been able to get it to work. In the past, the Town changed the wiring. At this point, they are unsure if the problem is wiring-related or with the generator itself. They are also unsure if the generator is capable of providing enough power to run the station. An electrician plans to take another look at it in the near future.
 - c. Grinder stations. Quite a few of the stations have yet to be upgraded. Sabel Mechanical is replacing the floats with probes. The probes tend to retain grease build-up causing the pumps to run continuously.
 - d. Clearwater inspections. John Rickert reported 84 homes have been completed and plan to inspect 36 more homes this year. So far the inspection team discovered nine violations that range from clean-out cap repairs, non-working sump pumps and a sump pump discharging into the sanitary sewer. Six of the violations have been resolved.
 - e. Other maintenance and operational issues. Nothing to report at this time.

Unfinished Business:

1. Consideration and possible adjustment of the hourly wage for maintenance, clearwater inspections, Digger's Hotline locates and mowing services. Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Brian Mand, to increase the hourly rate to \$32 for maintenance services and clearwater inspections in order to recognize the skill-set needed and to be consistent with the requirements of a skilled contractor. Motion carried (2-0). Abstention: Mark Haensgen.

New Business:

1. Review and possible approval of the Hawk's Landing sewer extension. James Roberts purchased the undeveloped portion of Hawk's Landing from Nett Construction & Development. Roberts is in the planning stage of a sewer extension to serve sixteen undeveloped lots. The Commission has concerns regarding the lack of use of Schedule 40 pipe and the installation of 4" lateral stubs. Also, a Developer's Agreement has not yet been secured. The matter was postponed until the Commission's inquiries can be resolved. Eric Otte will be asked to attend the next meeting.

Schedule the next meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th, at 5:30 pm. The Annual OSG Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21st.

Comments from the public pertaining to District business. None presented.

Adjournment. Motion by Mark Haensgen, second by Brian Mand, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm. Motion carried (3-0).

Attest. _____
Brenda A. Schneider, District Recording Secretary