

**TAYCHEEDAH SANITARY DISTRICT #3**  
**MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**November 15, 2023**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**TAYCHEEDAH TOWN HALL**

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

Call to order. Commissioner Brian Mand called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the minutes of the 10/18/2023 monthly meeting. Motion by Mark Haensgen, second by Brian Mand, to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried (2-0).

Approval of the bills. Motion by Brian Mand, second by Mark Haensgen, to approve the bills (order #100-109), for a total of \$22,515.78. Motion carried (2-0).

Motion by Brian Mand, second by Mark Haensgen, to authorize the following:

- Transfer \$23,000.00 from the Operations/User Charge Account to the regular checking account.

Motion carried (2-0).

Sewer System Maintenance:

1. Consideration and possible action regarding general maintenance and operational issues:
  - a. Meter Stations. Nothing to report at this time.
  - b. Lift Stations. The October pump-run time reports for all lift stations were reviewed. John Rickert reported that he will check the heaters in all of the lift stations and grinder pumps in the near future.
    - 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. The last upgrade, Aspen Court, was recently done. The telemetry has been installed in all the stations; however, the district does not yet have online administrative access. Also, Sabel Mechanical does not plan to replace the spliced wires until the pumps need to be replaced. Currently, the wires are connected with only wire nuts.
  - d. Clearwater inspections. John Rickert reported that 113 homes have been inspected and the team plans to complete seven more before the end of this year. To date, thirteen violations were discovered. As of today, two of the violations remain outstanding.
  - e. Other maintenance and operational issues. Nothing to report at this time.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Discuss the status of the Hawk's Landing sewer extension. John Rickert spoke to Eric Otte. Otte supports changing the lateral stubs from 6" to 4" and requiring Schedule 40 pipe for the stubs; however, he does not

support Schedule 40 pipe for the mains. Otte requested the Approval Letter from the District. The Commission noted the Developer's Agreement has not been finalized and released to Jim Roberts.

New Business:

- 1) Preliminary discussion regarding purchase of Town of Taycheedah capacity. Brenda Schneider explained the history of the Town purchasing the estimated capacity on behalf of the District, as well as Johnsburg Sanitary District, during the latter part of 1999. Both districts were formed during the late 1990s. At this time, the Town still owns a limited amount of capacity. The topic was postponed to the next monthly meeting.

Schedule the next meeting: A special meeting will be scheduled as soon as reasonably possible to address the Hawk's Landing sewer extension project. The December monthly meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm.

Comments from the public pertaining to District business. Ron Davis addressed the Commission. His properties, as well as a few neighboring properties, were initially in the District. While within the District, the District levied taxes on these properties. Davis eventually led the petitioning process on behalf of these properties to be officially removed from the District. The Town Board approved their detachment petition. After removal from the District, taxes were no longer levied by the District on these properties. Davis requested reimbursement of the four years of taxes he paid. Brenda Schneider explained the history of the property tax levies and its purpose.

Adjournment. Motion by Mark Haensgen, second by Brian Mand, to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm. Motion carried (2-0).

Attest. \_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda A. Schneider, District Recording Secretary