

**Town of Millbury
Minutes of
Sewer Commission Meeting
October 27, 2020**

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Attendees: Gary Nelson, Lisa Allain, Happy Erickson. Keith Caruso-DPW Director Absent

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gary Nelson called to order the meeting at 4:46 pm.

ITEM ONE – OPERATIONS:

Chairman Nelson stated that Keith Caruso will not be attending tonight's meeting. Chairman Nelson will be updating the Board on the upcoming projects, first project is Singletary Arms project on Burbank Street, plans and drawings were emailed to Frank o he will look over the plans and get back to the Board with a cost on how much he will charge. Clearview Project Chairmen Nelson talked to Frank o and the meter that was installed was useless because of no rain, the are looking into using the study from 10 years ago, Chairman nelson would like to have another meeting with Eastland partners to discuss this further. Elm Court pump station is running on time and may be ahead of schedule. This coming special town meeting 2 articles 1st authorize borrowing of 1 million for the pipe repair and I & I study. 2nd article will be for approval to take money out of the emergency fund for the sewer break, not sure how much it will cost, checking with the insurance company and rep more and frost offices. Keith is supposed to be doing a walk through with the insurance company on the break. No bills from the main contractor as of yet.

ITEM TWO – ABATEMENT REQUEST:

Michael Whitney – 10 Singletary Rd – Well Account

Billed: \$335.66 Abatement Request \$ Abate to: \$

Chairman Nelson stated that they can join the meter deduction program and have a meter installed then they can report what they use for water instead of getting a flat fee for a well usage. Chairman Nelson stated that we do not have a hardship clause.

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to Deny abatement. Happy Erickson made the motion to deny Lisa Allain seconded the motion to deny all were in favor of denial.

ITEM THREE– SEWER EXTENSIONS/CONNECTIONS:

75 MacArthur Dr – Mid State Sewerage –

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to approved the permit Lisa Allain made the motion and Happy Erickson seconded the motion, all were in favor.

13 Wilson Rd – Guaranteed Builders –

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to approve the permit Happy Erickson made motion and Lisa Allain seconded motion all were in favor.

ITEM FOUR: ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

Meter Deduction Program – Chairman Nelson spoke about the past couple of months of looking into this program and he feels that we do not eliminate the program. We will table discussion on eliminating the program for now. Chairman Nelson asked for a motion. Happy Erickson made the motion and Lisa Allain seconded the motion. All in favor of tabling for now. Chairman Nelson asked if anyone wants to speak and Nancy Conley wanted to thank the board for keeping the program for a while longer.

McGrath Road – Venincasa email – not sure what Mr. Venincasa is looking for but we have no permits for 3 or 4 McGrath Road the only permit we have is for 2 McGrath Rd. Lisa Allain stated that she has not had time to look at these plans yet. Chairman Nelson will talk to Mr. Venincasa tomorrow. Lisa asked if this line was inspected and Chairman Nelson stated that he did not think so. Both of these properties were supposed to go gravity and now injector pumps need to be put in. Lisa Allain stated that if it wasn't put in per the plan and there were changes that we do not have to accept this. Chairman Nelson stated that the contractor is willing to dig up the connection to the home to be inspected. Chairman Nelson stated that he will need to speak to Frank Stachura and see if this was ever inspected. There is a manhole on W. Main Street and there is a cutout to McGrath road about 10 feet deep possibly. Contractor would need to run a second pipe to connect into the existing pipe. Lisa Allain stated the answer from her would be no. Lisa Allain asked why not just tell the contractor that he needs to take out the current pipe and put in a new pipe deeper in trench to use gravity. Chairman Nelson stated that this is a project that needs to be kept a close eye on. Chairman Nelson will check with Frank Stachura on what is actually tied in on McGrath Road. Lisa Allain stated that these contractors always ask for forgiveness instead of going through the right process. It is not fair to other residents who do the correct process.

Chairman Nelson spoke about the rate study and Frank O. stated that the rates don't look right so more work needs to be put into this.

ITEM FIVE – FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next regular scheduled meetings will be held on November 10, 2020 and November 24, 2020. Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month unless otherwise posted and/or cancelled.


ITEM SIX – ADJOURNMENT

At 5:00 p.m. Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to adjourn, Happy Erickson made the motion to adjourn and Lisa Allain seconded the motion all were in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Happy Erickson; yes, Lisa Allain; yes, Gary Nelson; yes.

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Respectfully submitted,
Christine Billington
Clerk-Sewer Department



Gary Nelson



Happy Erickson

Lisa Allain