

**Town of Millbury  
Minutes of  
Sewer Commission Meeting  
February 11, 2020**

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Present: Gary Nelson, Lisa Allain, Frank Stachura – Sewer Plant Operator and Christine Billington Clerk, guests present David Perkins.

Happy Erickson and Keith Caruso DPW Supervisor were absent

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gary Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**ITEM TWO – PUBLIC ATTENDEES:**

David Perkins is in attendance and asked Chairman Nelson about what the board wants him to do about tying into the sewer system. Chairman Nelson stated that the board wants the project done correctly. Which means that the has to have the plans engineered and drawn out with two manholes in the road and a new line put in connecting all 4 homes into the system. The home that has a septic a stub can be put in and if they want to connect at some point then they can. Mr. Perkins stated that what would happen if he did the E1 system to boar right into the manhole. Mr. Perkins spoke about putting in two inch line and using E1 systems if that would be an option. . Lisa Allain spoke to Mr. Perkins stating that if he was to properly design everything than the sewer department would take over the sewer in the road. Mr. Perkins would like to boar on the side of the road and not dig up the road at all and then core the manhole the whole road will need to be boar. Mr. Perkins is meeting with Andy Curtis from a septic company and Mr. Perkins will get the info to the secretary and she will forward this to the board. Chairman Nelson stated that if they go through with this project than he would like meters on each system. Chairman Nelson would like more information before the board will make a decision.

**ITEM THREE – INVOICES**

Miscellaneous invoices reviewed, approved and signed by Sewer Commission.

**ITEM FOUR – CORRESPONDENTS:**

Nothing at this time

**ITEM FIVE - MINUTES:**

Minutes from the January 28, 2020 meeting were approved Lisa Allain made motion to approve and Chairman Nelson seconded the approval to accept.

### **ITEM SIX – OPERATIONS:**

There is a quote in your packets from Weston and Sampson on Autumn Gate Pump Station to have the work completed. There is no maintenance records for the pump station. The scope of work is in the service agreement. Chairman Nelson is stating that there is money that the Planning Board is holding in a bond which we can take money out of. Lisa Allain asked if the Planning Board knows about the issue we are having with Autumn Gates. If Gallo does not agree with having the pump station cleaned than the board can wright a letter to the Planning Board stating that they do not approve of the release of bond money. Frank Stachura and Frank Occhipinti stated that the pump station was a mess and needs to be cleaned up. Chairman Nelson stated either way he would like the station cleaned and serviced by Weston and Sampson so we know what we are dealing with.

Chairman Nelson asked about the savings on having the solar panels at the main plant and Frank stated that he spoke with Patricia Arp and there was some savings already which is \$225.00 in savings. Hopefully once the summer months start it should pick up.

Chairman Nelson stated that he has not heard anything from Eastland Group on the project they proposed at Clearview.

Chairman Nelson is meeting with Frank Occhipinti on Thursday March 13, 2020 to go over the rate study. That's why he asked Frank Stachura for a list of the pump stations.

Elm Court Pump Station, Chairman Nelson stated he thought Ray Willis was going to be at the meeting tonight to sign off on the contract be there was an issue with the insurance and we are waiting for this to be corrected. Frank Stachura stated they are looking to break ground this spring.

Chairman Nelson spoke about meeting with the Acting Town Manager about Mr. Johnson on not receiving his abatements and Chairman Nelson explained to Acting Town Manager what the process was and that he has received all his abatements.

Next meeting Brian Falk Town Counsel to go over Rules and Regulations. Lisa Allain stated that she will work on comments next week.

Chairman Nelson stated that he asked the Board of Assessors for a list of money that comes in each year from Betterments and that list was given to the board members. Lisa Allain asked if developers pay up front and they do not as of right now. Frank Stachura stated that when they go for a building permit than they should pay the fees. Lisa stated that she has pulled some information from other towns on what they do on collecting fees. Lisa Allain stated that the developers do not tell the new homeowners about receiving a betterment fee.

#### **ITEM SEVEN – ABATEMENT REQUESTS:**

1458 Grafton Road – is looking to see if the board will give an abatement as the home burned down in March 2019 and the account was never made inactive.

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to abate Lisa Allain made the motion and Chairman Nelson seconded the motion all were in favor of the abatement and make account inactive until it is built again.

4 Moore Drive – TPR Homes – This account should have been inactive home did not sell until June 2019 so they should have not received a bill. Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to abate Lisa Allain made the motion and Chairman Nelson seconded the motion all were in favor of the abatement.

#### **ITEM EIGHT – BETTERMENTS:**

Christine will have the betterment warrant ready for the next meeting to be signed so the betterment bills can go out in the mail.

#### **ITEM NINE– SEWER EXTENSIONS/CONNECTIONS:**

Nothing at the time.

#### **ITEM TEN– ADDITIONAL TOPICS**

Chairman Nelson asked Lisa Allain is she had a chance to look at the rules and regulations and she stated that she has gone over the rules and regs and she also looked at what other towns were doing and she will supply her findings for the next meeting.

Chairman Nelson spoke about Autumn Gate Pump Station and the proposal that was received from Weston and Sampson to clean and make sure the pump station is in working order, the cost of that is \$16,500.00. Chairman Nelson stated that the planning board is holding money that can be used to have this inspected if Gallo will not foot the bill.

Chairman Nelson stated that he has not heard anything from Eastland on the project up at Clearview.

Chairman Nelson spoke about the Elm Court Pump Station looking to have the contract signed as soon as possible the company wants to start the work soon. We are just waiting on the insurance clarification from Council.

Frank Occhipinti will be meeting with Chairman Nelson on February 13, 2020 to go over the rate study.

Chairman Nelson meet with the Town Manager today about Mr. William Johnson of 3 Pinehurst Circle who will be meeting with the town manager on February 13, 2020 to see what he can do to get more money from the town. Chairman Nelson told the Town Manager that the board gave his all of the abatements that he was looking for and that he will never not have a sewer bill because it was impossible not to use water inside of the home. Mr. Johnson stated that he is only using water outside of the home.

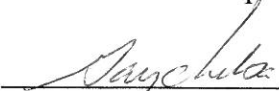
#### **ITEM TEN – FUTURE MEETING DATE**

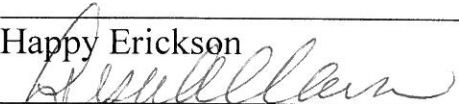
The next regular scheduled meetings will be held March 10, 2020 and March 24, 2020. Meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month unless otherwise posted and/or cancelled.

#### **ITEM ELEVEN – ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:50 p.m. Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to adjourn, Lisa made the motion to adjourn all were in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Billington  
Clerk-Sewer Department

  
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Gary Nelson

Happy Erickson  
  
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Lisa Allain