

## **Plainfield Water/Waste Water Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2017**

Present: Tim Phillips, Carol Smith, Greg Chamberlin, Joshua Pitts, Jodi Volardi, Jolie Jonte, Betsy Blackshaw, Paula Emery

5:02 PM - Meeting called to order.

### **Agenda**

Added an update on the Stangers to the Chief Operator's report

### **Review/Approval Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Minutes for 2017-09-18, 2017-09-26 and 2017-10-10 were approved as amended

### **Guests coming to talk about issues with their waste water lines that are shared between three households**

- Betsy Blackshaw's cellar has raw sewage entering it when the ground is saturated. There are indentations in the lawn as if something is caving in. Greg has a map that shows piping running beside and then behind Betsy's house to service the others. The piping is marked private and little is know about it. Greg has done some exploration of the piping in the past. It is clear the piping is quite old and issue is probably due to a crack somewhere in the line. The indentations are probably old septic tanks that were bypassed and buried instead of being removed (the old tanks are now caving in). Since the lines are private, they are ultimately the homeowners responsibilities to repair. Greg has a contact at Vermont Rural Water, however, who generally can come out and camera troublesome lines to help small systems like ours at no additional expense. Greg will see if Wayne has an opening in his schedule where folks in the affected area could also arrange to be home so all the piping runs can be inspected from the various basements to try to figure out what is going on. If Wayne isn't readily available, Greg suggested another option - which will have to be paid for by the homeowners - is to call Hartigans and have them camera the lines.

### **Clerk's Financial Report**

- Greg has spent some of the \$19,000 we had set aside for updates and repairs
- We need to address unallocated apartments in a future meeting
- We need to address ongoing delinquencies in a future meeting
- Carole will request an updated policy from the Delinquent Tax Collector as to how delinquent accounts are being handled

### **Update on waste water line serving Greatwood**

- On Wednesday (2017-10-18) the broken section will be repaired. The issue is definitely a crushed/broken pipe and not a salt blockage. The piping is concrete asbestos and so it really does need total replacement. There is 940 feet of pipe to be replaced and it will

probably be done in two distinct segments. Leah Xylona will probably be a issue as the pipe runs under her property and she has been difficult in the past.

### **Chief Facility Operator's Report**

- nothing further heard from the Stangers. Jason Stanger has a plumber coming and Greg has the parts the system promised to supply ready to go. Once the internal work is done, Greg and Tristan will do a flow check to be sure things are OK.

- two more pressure reducing valves were replaced in Martin Meadow, couple more being replaced in upcoming weeks. Greg is finding broken and sub-functional valves. He will be contacting Prescott with these examples of what we are finding wrong.

- the quote for the springbox cover done as a fabric came back at \$19,000+. Greg is looking into other options.

- Tristan is rewriting the ordinances. Once change is that a bill past due by 45 days will result in a water shutoff.

- with regards to the Loss Control report. The grinder is now legal. Greg/Tristan still need to download the SDS sheets for the chemicals in use and develop a lockout/tagout system

- Positive Pie should be checking their grease-trap monthly and passing documentation to Greg. Greg hasn't seen it lately and will follow up with them.

### **Other Business**

None

The warrants were signed

A meeting to discuss the upcoming year's budget was scheduled for November 13, 2017 at 5PM in the municipal building.

The date of the next monthly meeting is November 20th, 2017 at 5PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips