

Plainfield Water/Waste Water Commission

Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2017

Present: Mary Lane, Tim Phillips, Carol Smith, Greg Chamberlin, Joshua Pitts, Norman Gauthier, Judy Gauthier

5:03 PM - Meeting called to order.

The order of the items in the Agenda was adjusted

Minutes for 2017-06-26 were approved as written

Allocation Application

- the Gauthiers are looking to build a new house on a parcel on Great Wood drive. September 1st is their planned beginning of construction. The impact fees were explained to them and Mary calculated a rough estimate that will be firmed up when the final application is made. The rough estimate was \$1990 for the wastewater and \$315 for water.

Clerk's Financial Report

- Allen Goldman has still not paid.
- there was discussion about having a credit card to make small purchases that Greg or Tristan could use (some places that we need to buy from to support our old hardware will not create a new account. Carol has been talking with the bank and is getting somewhat of a runaround. She is going to wait a bit and talk with her normal contact. There was agreement that a \$1000 limit seemed reasonable.

Discussion of sources of grease in the water line

- Mary talked with manager at Positive Pie and will write a followup letter.
- both drains at Positive Pie empty in a common grease-trap.
- Mary warned them that Positive Pie will pay for the next grease blockage removal
- Greg wants to see the grease trap cleaning log every month. He is concerned that these cleanings are not being consistently done with the staffing changes at Positive Pie. He also warned that the fry-a-lator screen cleanings debris can't be put down the drain. He suspects that the caustic cleaning fluids are loosening grease on the pipe walls and contributing to the plugs.

Shifting responsibility of ordinances and CCR

- we would like to see more direct participating from the operators as they know better than the Commission members where the ordinances are not clear or not supportive. Greg had no problem with this and will do more of the CCR report generation himself

Chief Facility Operator's Report

- Greg is making ground on spending the \$19,000 we had set-aside for some bigger repairs that are needed.
- old equipment is failing and needing replacement.

- the state is throwing up hurdles about using the Presby treatment system that Greg would like to move towards. He also noted if we give up our direct discharge permit to use the Presby mechanism...he's been told we'd never be able to get that permit back again.

- the 2018 permit renewal will probably require an \$100,000 upgrade that will require 20 to 30 thousand dollars a year to upkeep. Historically, these cost estimates have been proven to be too low.

The leak on High Street was fixed quicker than expected but will cost \$450 more than expected to repave the storm drain area.

Other Business

- None

The warrants were signed.

The date of the next monthly meeting is August 28th, 2017 at 5PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips