

Plainfield Water/WasteWater Commission Meeting Minutes for July 26 2021

Present: Tim Phillips, Carol Smith, Josh Pitts, Mary Lane, Tristan Macgregor-Stewart

5:16PM Meeting called to order

Review/approve agenda

Agenda approved with addition of discussion of email Sascha Thayer sent out under other business.

Review/adopt minutes

Approved minutes for 6/15 as written

Clerk's financial report

We increased the 2021-2022 sludge budget by \$3000. We don't have slack to absorb the pricing increasing with a guestimate yearly increase of \$20,000.

Greg has found another transporter. The pricing is more than we were paying but less than Kingsbury is now quoting. There may be room for negotiation with Kingsbury. Tristan will follow up with Greg tomorrow. July 1st is when the new pricing took effect.

Mary asked if there was any way to decrease sludge production. Tristan said there really is not.

Carol noted the sludge budget from last year was over by about \$40,000.

The reimbursement for the work boots needed by Tristan and Greg is pretty much fixed at \$150 by the town personal policy. The Commission discussed covering the additional expense for boots from the uniform or safety budget.

Adjusting Meeting Time

Discussed moving meeting To Monday

Towne Avenue Properties

Tim and his neighbors Tad Cochran and Jackie Decker are dealing with failed private lines. They are looking at installing an extension of the septic main that the town will accept going forward. To this they will attach new private lines to stop using the old clay-pipes that are currently clogging with roots.

Tomorrow (7/27) Tristan and Greg intend to use a camera to investigate a manhole at the intersection of Towne Avenue and Walker Lane. There appears to be an 8" pipe leading up Walker Lane from this manhole. Greg and Tristan will use the camera to try to determine how far up Walker Lane this pipe extends.

Chief Facility Operator's report

Waterline is installed at the HeartBreak hotel building and the property above. Both are now drawing on the new line. The work is currently running below the quote. Tammy Farmham told Tristan that the town would do the paving on Main Street and Mill Street.

Went digging for the shut-off to the old line and can not find it. So we have several hundred feet of active line we can't control the flow through at this time. Tristan is going to talk with Greg tomorrow.

The chemical for phosphorus removal has arrived and that is going well.

The work done at Betsy Blackshaw's property is complete and Greg/Tristan are satisfied with the way the potential new main extension has been constructed.

With regard to the recent sewer line backup on Martin Meadow. Greg/Tristan Got a call from Alana that she had sewage backing up at her place into the basement of her garage. Took 12 hours of work with a vactor truck to clear the plug in a manhole installed in 1998 and remove a mechanical plug that had come loose and gotten into the line.

Final 20 year WW Facility

Tristan thinks the estimates for expenses are probably in the ballpark, but the time-line is probably quicker than we can manage. Tristan's take is that we need to start budgeting for these items next year and start clearing the issues identified. Tristan will take a stab at drafting a response to the state for the Commission to review and improve.

Approve warrants

Warrants for 06/18/21, 06/25/21, 06/30/21, 07/07/21, 07/09/21, 07/16/21, 07/20/21, 07/23/21 were approved

Other business

Sasha Thayer forwarded an email about the Route 2 Intersection rework. Sasha appears to be saying that the town will need to bear the expense of the pipe relocations needed in that intersection. Tristan and Mary will try to attend the Selectboard meeting tomorrow when this will be discussed.

The next meeting was schedule for August 17th, 2021 at 5:15PM

The meeting adjourned 6:38PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips