

# **Sewer Commission Meeting**

## **June 5th, 2019**

### **Attendance:**

Alex Meisner  
Chelsey Little  
Tom Walker  
Dan Gray  
Everett Wickline

**Call To Order: 6:00 PM**

**Citizens Concerns: None...**

### **Sewer Billing Discussion/Explanation:**

- Concerned resident asked a question about sewer debt collection service- Kelly Gowan
  - Melissa Murphy responds that we do not have many delinquent payers.
  - Walker responds with that we need some cushion in the budget so that we have something going forward.
  - Any ways we can have septic and go back to septic? Brittany Turner
  - \$1,000,000 project of replacing lines. 40% of our users were on the Northfield schools--- Al Stone. If we can rationalize it, they can pay it.
    - Nick Fleck - How will the campus influence costs and payments?" Sees no reason why we should not ask for the money for sewer expenses.
      - "How can we find grants?"
      - Heather Tower "we have a lot of seniors in town. A lot of people on fixed incomes. Many will not be able to absorb the amount."
  - Carolyn Beauleau-- Question on billing issue involving when you get billed.
    - Chelsea responds with how we are currently billing. Current bill is on the full year. Next bill will be in the fall.
- Kelly Gowan--- "When does it end?"
- Nick Fleck--- We should be able to figure out some way for the seniors to have a modify billing payment system. Tom says the billing cycle would have to be completely changed.
  - Melissa Murphy responds with that the bills cannot be used as if the town of Northfield was a bank.
- "We are trying to look in to Solar and other methods involving saving the plant money. Pumps and motors run 24/7. Sludge options are expensive." Chelsea
- Bob McEwan- "It is frightening to see prices go up to what they have gone up to. Get involved with the town politically. Call your state rep. DEP is fairly unapproachable."
- Al Stone asks how much money we have in the savings fund. We have around \$230,000. -- Tom Walker "I have found an engineering firm that has considerably saved the highway department money".

**Plant operator Report- "We made permit for May"**

- Aerator needs help
- Update on her hours for the summer. My kids are in summer camp.
  - "I would like 9-5 PM"
- Little suggests, "For billing, instead of billing per usage bill per person per household."
  - We may have a way of getting the bills to go down by using the street listing.
  - "We need to have regulations"
  - The per person approach would help a lot with the sewer abatements.

**Review and Approve Minutes-** Digital review Minutes of the 4/26/19 meeting were reviewed and approved by Alex Meisner and Tom Walker. Dan Gray absent as of 7:20 PM.

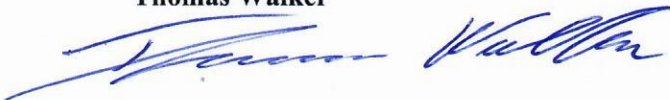
**Topics not Anticipated- None**

**Meeting End/ Adjourn- 7:30 pm**

**Alexander Meisner**



**Thomas Walker**



**Dan Gray**