

Sewer Commission Meeting

August 8th, 2019

Attendance:

Alexander Meisner- Commissioner/ Secretary
Thomas Walker- Commissioner
Chelsea Little- Chief Plant Operator

Call to Order: 5:03 PM

Citizens Concerns: None

Yearly Permit for Sludge Hauling:

- Our chief plant operator has prescribed us a new document showing an updated cost and memorandum of understanding in sludge hauling and disposal.
- We have no other place to send the sludge. This will have to do.
- Walker made a **motion** to accept the MOU from Franklin Solid Waste Management district from July 1st, 2019 - June 30th 2020. **Seconded** by Meisner, **Passes unanimously.**

Chief Operator Report:

- Chief Operator Little has brought a binder of some of the maintenance updates done at the plant
 - Sludge tank safety rail installed
 - Permanent decanting pipes for safety installed
 - Lab counter top replaced
 - Flooring redone with epoxy
 - Driveway coated, cracks sealed
- Maternity leave discussion... in regards to DEP, When Chelsea Little is gone on maternity leave, it is OK for Sam to be an operator and assume duties for a shift and for the weekends according to the regional DEP individual.
 - Chelsea has recommended her husband Todd Little who has a Grade 5 Combination Industrial and Municipal license to help out when she is on leave. He would have to go through the standard hiring process and contact the ethics commission.
 - An advertisement for a temporary position will be posted in the paper.

Sewer Rate Discussion:

- According to our town treasurer, our new rate for FY19 will be \$17.55 per hundred cubic feet. The rate currently is \$15.25.
- Our chief plant operator believes we can bill based off of residents per household instead. This number would help reduce the current rate and help prevent the rate from increasing dramatically in the near future. This will be a topic on a future agenda.
- Chelsea would meet with our town treasurer to make some of this work.

Minutes Approval: Minutes were previously approved by Alex Meisner and Tom Walker for the July 10th meeting.

Topics not anticipated within 48 hours:

- There was a charge to Leeders with Tom Walker's signature and under the Wastewater Department account. 2 feet high by 60 feet long metal fence. Tom did not sign it. Someone has forged his signature and someone who knows that we have an account there did this too.
 - We do not know who signed this document.
 - Cost was around \$60.00
- If a Safety Complex goes forward, we need to trace and find the sewer lines. There is a potential to move a sewer line.

Adjourn: 6:05 PM

Tom Walker



Alexander Meisner

