

## Sewer Commission Meeting 9/3/2020

### Attendance

Alex Meisner  
Isaac Golding  
Robert Leighton  
Melissa Murphy

**Call to order-** 4:01 PM

**Citizens Concerns-** None

**Review and approval of minutes-** A review of the August 19th, 2020 minutes were **motioned** by Meisner, **seconded** by Leighton. **Approved** unanimously. Gray absent.

**Town treasurer report-** Request a motion for demand fees and of those are not paid, it would move to a warrant fee.

- The fees might encourage people to pay their bills. A total of \$27 may be added to people's bills who do not pay.
- Rob Leighton would like to see this happen as well. As long as we can frame the letter that it is a notice that they pay within 2 weeks. A detailed letter describing a fee structure if there is a failure to pay.
- **Motion** made by Meisner to create demand and warrant fees that will be taken into effect for this year's delinquent bills. **Seconded** by Leighton, **Passes** unanimously. Gray absent.
- This will be immediately started within the next couple of weeks.
- Meisner urges residents to stop using social media to debate the sewer department and to come to an in person meeting to stress their concerns.
- Leighton has an idea about the plant. Sewer department reflective yellow vests with Northfield sewer lettering and identification. Let's look into purchasing yellow vests.
- Leighton will communicate with Isaac regarding sewer vests.
- Melissa Recommends using "WWTP" instead of "SEWER" printed on the back.
- Rob thinks our overtime is pretty high for the plant. He would like to see Isaac on a salary instead of an hourly wage obviously factoring in a fair amount of overtime.
- Rob would also like to see more part time workers.
- Rob would like to have his own email address as well for the sewer. A **motion** was made by **Meisner** to get an email for Rob Leighton. **Seconded** by Leighton, **Passes** unanimously. Dan Gray Absent.

**Abatement Review-** In regards to abastements involving swimming pools, there is nothing the commission can do anymore since the billing methods have changed.

**Plant operators report-**

- The plant was without power for 15 hours last week. 3 new transformers were put in. Nothing in the plant was damaged.
- Washing machine line broke, the mess was cleaned up.
- Isaac has crafted a DEP response... At our next meeting, Isaac will give us a hard copy of our response as a commission and plant.
- Isaac has seen an increase with the rain coming in.
- No updates on Glenwood Ave or finding missing sewer manholes.
  - We will have to take care of raising them.
  - Leighton believes that if a sewer cover may have been paved over by the highway department, then the town should be paying for excavating and jackhammering to locate the manholes.
  - Ideas were brainstormed between the commissioners for raising money for the plant. An idea on asking St. Thomas Aquinas for financial assistance came up.
    - Meisner commented to Leighton that he should contact Steve Wiggin for help in this matter.

**Sewer lining update-** Isaac has sent some bidding stuff to Andrea and she has not gotten back to him yet.

**Future Agenda Items-** Salary discussion for Isaac, yellow vests, hiring of additional part time workers and job description analysis, Set billing for FY2020, Quinn letter discussion.

**Topics not anticipated-** None

**Adjourn**

*Deborah L. Meisner*  
*R. Leighton*