# Sewer Commission Meeting September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

#### Attendance:

Alexander Meisner-Secretary Thomas Walker- Commissioner Everett Wickline- Part Time Plant Operator David Prickett- Consultant

#### Meeting Start 4:10 pm

### Review and approval of minutes

- August 6<sup>th</sup> 2018- Passed unanimously
- September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018- Passed Unanimously
- Meisner makes a motion to approve the minutes for the past two meetings. Seconded by Walker. Passes unanimously
- Everett Wickline examined the sewer line on Winchester Rd for Mike Grey, a resident interested in hooking up to the sewer line at some point.

## **David Prickett Consulting**

David Prickett Consulting Update on the 20-year wastewater treatment plant plan.

- Update includes but not limited to:
  - What our existing treatment plant is and what our daily flow is
  - Limitations and needs of our plant
  - Existing Collection system occurrence
  - Collection System summary/limitations and needs
- \$5,000,000 project to get this plant better will cost us \$300,000 a year with a 50% grant on a 40-year loan on 2.5% interest.
- Meisner asks Prickett what it will take to get the rate to go down.
  - Prickett assures us that the sewer rate will not go down
  - Gray will not accept the fact the rate will never go down. Gray believes that the financial situation can get better.
  - Prickett says labor, sludge, chemicals, power are things we cannot control so that our budget goes up but our customer base stays the same. 7% a year average budget increases for wastewater inflation.

- The only way to make rate go down... budget goes down, or customers go up.
- Having the school here will help us. Have them pay a sewer connection charge, sewer extensions, and a USDA grant.
- Prickett recommends that we have another meeting to start with the plant money situation. Prickett will email us.
- Pricket has said that every dollar on every invoice sent to the town of Northfield has been paid or 80% on an estimate of the \$160,000.
- 3 weeks for our next meeting date with Prickett... October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.
- David Prickett exits the meeting.

## Administrative Reorganizing

- Walker brings up the subject of a 10-hour a week secretary. We will not go through with it at this point but eventually will.
- Wickline says that there is no spreadsheet. \$11.65 per 100 cubic feet. \$180 for a baseline yearly fee.
- Wickline would like to set up an Amazon account to buy basic plant needs. The board agrees to make this happen for him.
- Septic issue is tabled.

Meisner makes a motion to end meeting. Passes unanimously.

Meeting end: 5:47

Alexander Meisner

Sewer Commissioner

Thomas Walker

Sewer Commissioner

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Dan Gray

Sewer Commissioner