

Sewer Commission Meeting
May 13th, 2020

Attendance:

Alex Meisner- Sewer Commission
Isaac Golding- Chief Plant Operator
Dan Gray- Sewer Commissioner
Tom Walker- Sewer Commissioner

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 3:05

Citizens Concerns: None

Previous minutes approval: A Review and approval of the April 9th minutes were motioned and signed by the board.

Abatelements: No new abatements at this time. We will stay on the Thomas Aquinas billing issue.

Budget discussion/Plant operators report:

- Golding has a request for an order of Probes. Isaac has found one that is 6 years old. Around \$2000 give or take in total cost. B.O.D probe (\$1100) and ruggedized probe (\$869) and PH probe (\$323)
 - Our chief plant operator was slightly confused on the budget sheets and why they appeared in the "negatives"
 - Tom has the same issue with his department but keeps a separate spreadsheet of his expenses so he does not have to refer to the town's methods of bookkeeping.
- Tom would like an update of everything that is down at the plant.
- Chelsey started a lab for doing E. Coli. Isaac cannot tell the difference. They all look the same to him. Isaac feels the test is bad and that E. Coli should be sent out.
- Has issues in staying in permit. Tests are failing. Sludge has been an issue. The tanks are an issue.
- Isaac would like to work with Chelsey in getting the testing done. We will send her a letter as a commission if it works out but right now we need to know if she works for herself or if it is through the town of Montague. This might be complicated for the bookkeeping. We will need more information on the workings of this process or the billing.

- Green mountain pipeline discussion... question on where they can get water. It is going to be very expensive to do the lining for the plant. The Green Mountain contractor will be coming in to meet next week sometime.
 - Tom thinks we need to find out what our easements are for the sewer mains So that we can mow and keep them clean and clear.

- As a commission, we would eventually like a part time worker to help out. Isaac is good for the time being not having a part time worker. We have advised him not to burn out and that eventually the over time will get costly when it comes to the budget.

Topics not anticipated- None

Adjourn- 4:02

Alexander Meisner

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Tom Walker

Dan Gray