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**Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes**

**May 7, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval**

Jim O'Laughlin called the meeting to order at 6:28pm and roll call was taken.

Village President/Trustees	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Brian Wysocki – Chair	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff DeGroot – Village President	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jim O'Laughlin	Present	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Julia Miller	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works  
Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer, Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly (CMT)

**a. December 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

**A motion** was made by Julia Miller to approve the December 12, 2013 sewer committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #1.**

**2. WWTP No. 1 Status Update**

Scott DeSplinter updated the committee on the status of the WWTP #1 sewer improvements. There is an issue with the replacement of one of the doors so they are working on getting that figured out.

**3. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the WWTP No. 1 Change Order No. 1**

Scott DeSplinter indicated he went to the contractor on the LED lighting and relayed that the board would like to see what lighting grants are available. Scott noted they are likely going to pass along these extra costs on since we didn't set this up ahead a time as a part of the bid.

**A motion** was made by Jim O'Laughlin to recommend to the Village Board the approval of WWTP No. 1 Change Order No. 1. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #2.**

**4. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the WWTP No. 1 Change Order No.2**

Scott DeSplinter stated he is still working on putting change order No. 2 together. The revision is for the blower enclosure. Rich had a concern about the maintenance and access to the blower.

**5. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the addition of concrete at Sewer Plant #1**

Scott DeSplinter noted his rough estimate to pour concrete inside of the plant instead of putting the rock back is approximately \$30,000. Jim O'Laughlin noted if the inside of the plant would have been concrete when the plant overflowed it would have been a lot easier to clean.

**A motion** was made by Jim O'Laughlin to recommend to the Village Board the addition of concrete at sewer plant #1. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #3.**

The committee agreed to have Scott DeSplinter go to the contractor to request a change order to include the concrete inside the sewer plant #1.

**6. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the replacement of the flow meter at Sewer Plant #2**

Rich Brecklin noted the flow meter quit a while back and he can't get any parts for it since it is obsolete. Koener Electric has found one that should work for \$5,000.

**A motion** was made by Jim O'Laughlin to recommend to the Village Board the approval to replace the flow meter at sewer plant #2 in the amount not to exceed \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #4.**

**7. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Smoke Testing of Oak Grove and Jerryville Subdivisions**

Scott indicated the need to smoke test was identified in the facility plan since there are known areas of I & I. They had anticipated the village doing the smoke testing with Rural Water but there is currently too much going on. Scott noted ADS has done work with CMT and they are a national company that does the inspections. They will do all of the notifications and smoke testing and document all locations of leaks. Scott DeSplinter noted the plan is to smoke test Jerryville and Oak Grove Park Subdivisions, two areas that contribute directly to plant #1. This expenditure is in the budget for this year. Scott DeSplinter and Rich Brecklin explained the smoke testing process but the board will need to figure out how to address the lateral repairs with the homeowners.

**A motion** was made by Jim O'Laughlin to recommend to the Village Board the approval to smoke test Oak Grove and Jerryville Subdivisions in the amount of \$11,000. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #5.**

**8. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Whispering Oaks 2014 Sewer Repair Project-CIPP Lining**

Rich Brecklin noted additional lining in Whispering Oaks is in the budget. They will identify areas to do point repairs and we will need to discuss how to enforce the disconnection of the sump pumps.

**A motion** was made by Marty Clinch to recommend to the Village Board the approval of the Whispering Oaks 2014 sewer repair project-CIPP Lining. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #6.**

Scott noted approximately 1300 feet of sewer pipe will be lined in order to stay within budget.

## **9. Sanitary Sewer Facility Plan Status Update**

Scott explained the facility plan is being followed with the plant #1 improvements, smoke testing and the next phase will be the overflow trunk sewer. This will take heavy flows off of plant 1 and will be sized to handle future growth. The plan is to start the overflow trunk sewer next year. The committee discussed sewer plant #1 and #2 permit testing requirements.

## **10. Discussion on German Hills Pump Station**

Rich Brecklin stated one of the pumps is out on the German Hills pump station and there have been more problems in the last few years. Scott DeSplinter gave Rich the name of another company with self priming pumps that he could look at as an alternative. It is cheaper to configure a new suction lift pump. Currently we have to wait up to twelve weeks for a pump but with this company they have them on the shelf since their pumps are standardized. Rich reported we have one pump down which is being rebuilt but we need to start talking about replacing the lift station which will cost approximately \$110,000. The committee agreed to have Rich investigate this other alternative.

Rich Brecklin asked the committee to look at their schedules for another sewer committee meeting. Brian Wysocki would like to discuss the delinquent accounts.

## **11. Adjournment**

**A motion** was made by Marty Clinch to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #7.**

Ann Sasso  
Village Clerk