

WALDO WATER AND SEWER UTILITY MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. ; immediately following the Village Board of Trustees meeting. President Gary Dekker, Mike Hintz, Mark Spitz, Jerry Hammarlund, Chris Madgwick, Michelle Brecht, Bruce Neerhof and John VanEss were present for the meeting.
2. The meeting was confirmed to be held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
3. The Minutes from the June 8, 2020 meeting were approved after a motion by Chris Madgwick and a second by Jerry Hammarlund.
4. Bruce Neerhof gave a report on Utility Operations that included the following:
 - All wastewater permit limits were met. A graph was shared as documentation
 - RE300 phosphorus pilot test is ongoing. He gave an update that he will be increasing the daily dosage.
 - Enzyme P product has been purchase to clean the sand distribution system pipes. It biologically dissolves the gunk.
 - Total Dynamic Mass Loading (TDML) trainings have been available via webinars during COVID-19 restrictions. These are required trainings by the DNR. In particular he has been covering material regarding calculating phosphorus loading limits for 2022.
5. The Disbursements of checks #8762-8774 were reviewed. Of note is that check#8772 has been requested to be excluded from the list. This check was for the trash pump and hose accessories. The supplies didn't come correctly and then we were invoiced for the replacement parts. We have requested a new, corrected, invoice. Motion to approve checks #8762-8774; excluding check #8772 for a total of \$9,934.03 was made by Mike Hintz. Seconded by Chris Madgwick. Approved.
The Treasurer's Utility Report was reviewed and approved after a motion by Mark Spitz and a second by Chris Madgwick. Of note is that despite some difficult economic times these last few months, the utility bill payments are coming in very close to normal.
6. Correspondence from the Clerk included a newspaper article regarding sewage testing for COVID-19 antibodies.
7. Updates from Board members. Gary shared a joke.
8. Public Comment: Bruce was thanked for the work he has done to maintain the life and service of the expensive treatment plant. When the group had been discussing the budget and upcoming financial plans, the replacement of the treatment plant didn't even have to be on the radar. Originally it was predicted that the large treatment plant loan would run out at the same time as the life expectancy of the treatment plant; especially as phosphorus treatment limits were looming. Bruce , in turn, thanked the Board for being pleasant and easy to work with. It makes him enjoy the job.
9. Motion to adjourn: Mark Spitz. Seconded: Mike Hintz. Adjourned at 8:07

A note: a few members lingered in the building to discuss how to set the facility up for the upcoming election