

Town of Sullivan Sanitary District No. 1

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 10, 2021, 5:00pm

- I. Chairman Paul Goeglein called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
- II. Attendance: Chairman Paul Goeglein, Commissioner Wayne Boos, Commissioner Ron Auerbach, clerk Dawn Bauer, and Plant Operator Nate Tillis, were all present.
- III. Town & Country
 - a. Ben gave the Commission paperwork showing a “quote” of sorts from C.D. Smith, the contractors working on the plant upgrade project. The campground would have to use them for their project. The plant/property is also owned by the Sullivan Joint Wastewater Commission, so there would have to be an Easement.
 - b. True-up costs: Ben presented the Commission with an updated true-up worksheet. This includes anything that is Rural Development eligible from the last 2 years. According to his updated Budget & Fund Allocation Tracking Sheet, we have spent, to-date, \$377,773.48 and \$201,000.00 of it was out of our own checking account. The remainder (\$176,773.48) will have to come from the USDA loan we got through Premier Bank for \$2,472,000.00. Paul made a motion, and Ron 2nd to cut a check tonight to pay the Joint Commission what they are owed so it doesn't have to wait until the next meeting. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**
- IV. Operators Report
 - a. Nate
 - i. Back in February, Nate and Ben talked to the DNR and explained that and asked if they could hold off issuing our Operating permit until the new plant is up and running because it will eventually have to be issued in the name of the Joint Commission. They did not end up doing that, and instead sent a copy of our projected permit and asked us to look it over. He contacted them and they said they will issue a “modification” permit when the Joint Commission takes over, and then will have to issue another modification once the Village starts to discharge at the new plant.
 - ii. Disinfection will be starting though September. All the chemicals have ben delivered, and they will be working with C.D. Smith to move things where they need to be.
 - iii. Nate will set up wet-well cleaning at the lift stations. And will set up televising and jetting for the Fall.
- V. New Business: NONE
- VI. Old Business:
 - a. Tom & Heather Jurasinski who own the Campground were present and explained to the Commission what their plans are as far as adding 50 sites to the back of their campground. They would potentially bring the pipe down to the fence that separates the campground and the plant and it would flow by gravity instead of the use of lift stations. Ben discussed briefly that since the potential new sites would not go through the lift stations, and therefore wouldn't be able to measure the flow so the costs would have to be figured out in the future. The quote from C.D. Smith would be paid for by the Campground, along with any other costs incurred (legal, engineering, etc). Ben told them that if they could decide by the June meeting if they are going to go through with the project, that would be best, since the only time that they would be

able to get a pipe from the current plant project is during construction. Tom will take the quote from C.D. Smith, along with a letter from Ben to their bank to decide if they are able to do the project.

- b. Tom Jurasinski gave a letter to the Commission, asking for a type of deferral or payment plan to catch up on their quarterly sewer bills. The letter outlines a “stair-step” approach for paying which includes making payments of \$3500.00 pr quarter (1/2 of what they should be paying) in the quarters of 2021, then bump it up to \$5000.00 per quarter for 2022, and finally \$7075.00 (the full amount) for 2023. That way, they can increase their camping rates to their customers and collect more each year. The Commission decided to call a Special Meeting to discuss this with legal counsel and also Ben and Nate. That meeting will be held on Monday, May 17th at 6:00pm

VII. Community Input: NONE

VIII. The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 14th at 5:00pm

IX. Ron made a motion with Paul 2nd to adjourn the meeting at 6:11pm. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0**

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Bauer, Clerk