

DELAVAN LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

November 18, 2020

9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Delavan Lake Sanitary District located at 2990 County Rd F South, Delavan, Wisconsin.

ROLL CALL Present: Thomas Miller, President
Kim O'Keefe, Commissioner
Thomas Johnson, Commissioner
David Reider, Commissioner
Richard Beers, Commissioner

Absent: None

Other: Administrator Jim DeLuca

Visitors: Rachel Kirsch

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

President Miller declared a quorum present for doing business.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF OCTOBER 28, 2020,
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2020**

Commissioner Beers made a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes of October 28, 2020 as written. Commissioner Reider seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Beers made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 28, 2020 as written. Commissioner Reider seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL

After a review and discussion of the bills represented by check numbers 27313 through 27340, Commissioner Beers made a motion to accept check numbers 27313 through 27340. Commissioner O'Keefe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Administrator DeLuca reviewed the Allocation of Funds through October 31, 2020 and the Financial Statements for periods ending October 31, 2020. Commissioner Beers made a motion to accept the Allocation of Funds report through October 31, 2020 and the Financial Statements for periods ending October 31, 2020 and place them on file. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

Administrator DeLuca shared we won the court case against the County and all citations have been dropped. The County has 45 days to appeal the decision. The sewer crew will start televising now with a focus on sewer lateral leaks. We will write orders to repair leaks to the owners. If any of these orders require Stan's involvement and we take them to court, we can get reimbursed for the legal fees. Some of the owners with leaks do have the insurance that the District endorses and should be repaired relatively quickly.

Charlie is working on putting together a quote for pontoons that need to be replaced on one of the harvesters. These are add-on pontoons made from polymers. A rough cost estimate for the replacement of the pontoons is between \$4,000 and \$7,000.

The letter informing residents of the sewer rate change will be going out in the next week or two. The second page will have a graph with WalCoMet and I & I information as well as a paragraph on FOG, so the residents can see and understand the reason for the increase. A copy of the letter will be given to all the Commissioners prior to being sent out.

LAKE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Beers shared Administrator DeLuca was asked to present an alternative option for dredging which included diverting and bypassing the flow and scraping out the basins (previously referred to as ponds). It was encouraging to see interest and openness in learning more about this option. Dale Roberts of USGS stated several times that he liked what he was hearing.

Commissioner Beers also shared with meeting attendees that the Sanitary District, on its own, has spent several thousand dollars to get an expert to come and look at the project to better understand options and costs. The cost to maintenance dredge and remove the soft sediment before it turns into hardpan each year will be much lower than the initial dredge to remove the hardpan. The DNR's concern over the ammonia found in samples taken was discussed as well as the importance of identifying its source. Many felt keeping the soil in the farmers fields would significantly reduce the contaminants coming into the lake.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS OF CITIZENS PRESENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Rachel Kirsch shared she is present to answer any questions regarding the 4225 S. Shore accessory structure.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – ONGOING LAKE MANAGEMENT

Commissioner O'Keefe discussed the spreading of manure that took place a few months back, the impact it had on the water quality and the discussion for an emergency action plan in future should something like this happen again. He questioned whether an emergency action plan was being pursued by anyone. Commissioner Beers will check with Katherine Gaulke to learn what, if any, actions are being pursued to handle future incidents.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PAYMENT REQUEST #7 – LS#6 UPGRADE

Doug Snyder of Baxter & Woodman recommended payment to Gilbank Construction in the amount of \$30,610.90 for work completed to date. Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to approve payment to Gilbank Construction in the amount of \$30,610.90 for work completed to date. Commissioner Beers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 4225 S. SHORE ACCESSORY STRUCTURE

Rachel Kirsch shared the accessory structure is not to be a rental or an additional living place. This is for recreation when coming off the lake. After Administrator DeLuca discussed building codes, how WalCoMet determines charging a connection fee, and the DLSD Sewer Use Ordinance, the Commission requested a copy of the codes and ordinance Administrator DeLuca mentioned as they

need to look into the legality of what they can and cannot do. President Miller made a motion to table this item for the meeting in December. Commissioner O'Keefe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DISTRICT FUNDS

Administrator DeLuca shared the best CD rate is at .5 percent for 7 months. He would not recommend a longer CD term as rates are so unpredictable at this time. Commissioners decided to leave the decision up to the discretion of the Administration.

CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner O'Keefe would like On-going Lake Management to remain on the agenda.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OR CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting date is scheduled to be held on December 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to discuss, Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Beers seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Kim O'Keefe, Secretary

Date Approved: 12/16/2020