

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 8
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2015
AURORA TOWN HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Friess, Matthew Hoeh, Ed Paolini, and Bryan Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Glenn Absolom, Joseph Fiegl, and Laurie Gier

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Friess opened the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Hoeh, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2014 meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. 100 Geneva Road – Bill Inquiry

Mr. Paolini reported on a conversation he had with the homeowner at 100 Geneva Road over concerns regarding the 2015 sewer charges. She questioned why she was being billed for water usage in the 2015 bill since she is not connected to the sewer yet. Mr. Paolini reported that he went over the bill with the homeowner line by line, explaining the charges, and the homeowner indicated she understood. He also advised the homeowner that fees cannot be waived, and that she agreed to pay the full service cost when the waiver allowing delay of the connection of the premises was requested. The homeowner was also advised that the 2014 sewer charge was in error as it should have included a water usage charge, however we will not be back charging for the error. The homeowner was reminded that they must connect to the sewer by November 1, 2016.

ITEM NO. 4 – NEW BUSINESS

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Item 2

ITEM NO. 5 – OLD BUSINESS

There is nothing to report at this time.

ITEM NO. 6 - MISCELLANEOUS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Payments

There were no payments at this time.

b. Operational Report

Mr. Absolom gave a brief update to the Board on televising lines in problem areas in the District. Lines televised on weekends in the mornings, as it does not cause as much traffic disruption if completed at this time on the weekends. He explained that due to the inclement weather, the televising is on hold and will resume when the weather breaks. Mr. Absolom also reported that there was nothing out of the ordinary happening and crews are completing normal winter activities, such as snow plowing/removal & etc.

Mr. Fiegl reported that during the November 2014 storm District staff was able to report to the East Aurora Wastewater Treatment Plant so there was no interruption in services/operations in SD #8. He explained some of the challenges presented to the County during this event and commended the dedication of numerous employees. He also described how critical portable generators, portable pumps, 4-wheel drive trucks, loader equipment, 24/7 authorized vehicles, etc. were to the operations of the Sewer Districts.

c. Pretreatment Report

Mr. Paolini advised Board that an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit was issued to Diversified Controls & Systems, 645 Person Street, effective November 1, 2014. Currently, a pretreatment program is being investigated by Erie County for SD #8, but until that is in place, Diversified Controls & Systems Pretreatment Program is being regulated by the EPA.

d. Construction Report

There was no active construction to report on at this time.

Mr. Fiegl advised Board that the Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining Program will resume again this year.

e. SPDES Permit No. NY028936 – Compliance Inspection

A copy of a letter sent from Mr. Absolom to Mr. Richard Rink of the NYSDEC dated October 27, 2014 was distributed to the Board. The letter addresses concerns brought up during the annual inspection of the Treatment Plant by the DEC. The plant needs improvements, but is still functional. Mr. Fiegl explained that the Division is looking at the best options for covering the costs for those improvements, and that the use of capital reserves to fund the improvements is anticipated.

f. Town of Aurora – November Storm – Thank You

Mr. Fiegl discussed the letter he had sent to the Town of Aurora Superintendent of Highways, in which he thanked them for the assistance and support they had provided the County in getting the Geneva Road Pumping Station back up and running during the November 2014 storm. A tree had fallen, knocking out power to the Pump Station. The Town Highway Department sent a loader and crew to help remove snow, so that a portable generator could be set up to restore power to the station.

On a motion by Mr. Hoeh, seconded by Ms. Friess, the Board voted to receive and file the informational items on the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

On a motion by Ms. Friess, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m. The motion carried 4-0.

**Tuesday April 14, 2015 at 9:30
Town of Aurora**

Respectfully submitted,



Edward A. Paolini, P.E., Secretary
ECSD No. 8 Board of Managers

Motion to approve minutes of February 10, 2015

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Approved/Disapproved: _____

Date: _____