

Town of Farmingdale

Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2015

The Farmingdale Sewer Committee met on Thursday March 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Farmingdale Town Office.

Members Present: Ben Sanborn, Mike Pelletier, Dana Parker and Jim Grant (Liaison)

Others Present: Gary Choate, David Sirois, Rose Webster, Chris Ellis, Nancy Frost

Mike Pelletier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

+ Ben made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/19/2015 as drafted

+ Dana 2nd the motion

+ Vote 3-0-0

Discussion: GWD reduced the last invoice by 16.7% because of the recalibration that was done to the meter pit. GWD also stated that the Town of Farmingdale needs to be more aggressive in cleaning the meter pit. GWD will not be adjusting any future bills if the town does not try to keep the meter pit clean for accurate readings. Mike would like to see a proposal go out to see what can be done to improve the meter pit.

Conclusion Action to be taken: The GWD invoice in the amount of \$64,013.05 was approved at this time.

Discussion: Ellis Construction – Chris explained what he found when cleaning the meter pit. He found some sand and grease on the flume. Chris thought that the grease build up may be because peroxide has not been used in a while. Mike thought that the meter pit should be cleaned regularly and that he would keep in touch with Doug Clark to see what the readings are.

Jim Grant had some questions for Chris Ellis about the invoice for the cleaning of the meter pit. Jim wanted to know why a loader was needed, Chris explained that the loader is used for protection from oncoming traffic as well as air to inflate a ball if necessary. Nancy Frost provided an e-mail that she received from OSHA regarding clean air. Jim was reading from the Ellis Construction invoice and said that it stated that the loader was used for clean air. Natalie explained to the Sewer Committee that she called Ellis Construction and spoke with Angie Ellis. Natalie wrote the information on the bottom of the Ellis Construction invoice and apologized if she made an error in communication with Angie Ellis in regards to what the loader was used for during the time of cleaning the meter pit.

Discussion: The following information from Ted Berry Co. was given to the Sewer Committee.

1. Estimate for Jet/Vac cleaning & CCTV Inspections
2. Better Description for the call involving the Hi-Hat Restaurant on 2/10/2015.
3. Town of Farmingdale CCTV Inspection results found on 2/10/2015

Discussion: Dig Safe mapping request was denied.

Discussion: The Sewer Committee agreed Dan Alexander owner of the Foggy Bottom should be billed according to the agreement that was signed in 1999. The Committee also discussed the possibility of the Plumbing Inspector reading the meter and removing at the end of the season. This will be discussed again in a later meeting.

Conclusion or Action to be taken: Mr. Alexander will meet with the Sewer Committee when he returns from Florida. Mike will give Mr. Alexander a call and let him know that the flow charge would not be reduced and that he would need to pay the bill in full. *(Natalie will get Mike Mr. Alexander's number)*

Discussion: Mike drafted a letter to Benjamin Laflin owner of the Hi-Hat. This letter is in regards to a call that was received on 2/10/2015. Because the call from the plumber working at the Hi-Hat caused the Town of

Farmingdale to call out Ted Berry Co. to camera lines the Sewer Committee felt according to the Town of Farmingdale Ordinance the Hi-Hat would be responsible for this bill.

Conclusion Action to be taken: Mike Pelletier will be in on 3/20/2015 to sign this letter.

Discussion: Mike asked if Chris could have Bob Antognoni give him a call about hooking up the modem that will go to the Sewer alarm System.

Conclusion or Action to be taken: Mike will draft a list of who will be notified via text message.

Discussion: Mike will be working on the SOP for the State of Maine and will get it to the Select Board for signature.

Discussion: Rose gave the Sewer Committee some budget paperwork that will need to be turned in no later than May 1, 2015. The Sewer Committee also reviewed a table that showed several examples of rate increases.

Conclusion or Action to be taken: The Committee will review these examples and discuss at next meeting.

Discussion: Shirley Wright's abatement was approved last month and was signed.

✚ Ben made a motion to approve an abatement for Greg Wehrwein in the amount of 10.84.

✚ Dana 2nd motion

✚ Vote 3-0-0

Discussion: The Sewer Committee said that they would like the minutes of the sewer meeting put on the Town of Farmingdale's web site. At the present time our current web site is having trouble holding any more information. The Town is looking into getting a better web site up and running that will be capable of holding all the information that the town would like to put on it.

Discussion: a letter that Natalie drafted to local businesses was approved by the Sewer Committee.

Conclusion or Action to be taken: Natalie will have this letter ready for Mike Pelletier to sign on 3/20/2015.

Discussion: A draft reminder notice of customers in arrears was approved by the Sewer Committee.

Conclusion or Action to be taken: Natalie will send these reminder notices out.

Discussion: The Sewer Committee concluded that Stevens Lane which a trailer park is privately owned and it is the responsibility of the owner to maintain.

Conclusion or Action to be taken: The Sewer Committee would like to have Julian Beale check the trailer park to see how many trailers are currently there. Also it was asked for Julian to check on any other trailer parks in town.

Discussion: Chris asked if the meter pit needed to be cleaned again. Mike said he would like the meter pit to be cleaned again at the end of April. Chris explained again why he needed the loader and said that he would not clean the meter pit if he could not control the situation. Jim said that he thinks that it just some unclear communication that caused the question on the Ellis construction invoice.

Minutes Approved:

Date

Michael Pelletier

Ben Sanborn

Dana Parker