

Town of Farmingdale

Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024

The Farmingdale Sewer Committee met on March 6, 2024 at the Farmingdale Town Office.
Members Present: Robert Nitzel and Nancy Frost
Others Present: Doug Ebert (Selectboard liaison)

Robert called the Sewer Committee meeting to order on 3/6/2024 at 6:06pm.

- ✚ Nancy made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/3/2024 and 2/7/2024
- ✚ Robert 2nd the motion
- ✚ Vote 2-0-0

Vortex

39Meadow Hill Drive - Adam sent an email stating that the lines are clear for now and if there are any other problems that a manhole will need to be installed.

Monthly reports for December and January have been received and forwarded to the sewer committee. *(Natalie will send something in the next sewer billing a reminder that ^{sub}-pumps and roof drains can not be directed to go down the sewer system as this causes a rise in sewer treatment costs which then is passed along to the sewer customers.)*

- ✚ Nancy made a motion to approve the abatement for Greg Wehrwein for \$22.50
- ✚ Robert 2nd the motion
- ✚ Vote 2-0-0

Ground Penetrating Radar – The Select Board asked if Natalie could do some research to see if they have done any of this work in any nearby towns. Natalie asked Braford if his company has done any of this work in any of the surrounding towns. This work is new and has not been done in any surrounding towns but he has worked closely with Gardiner and Hallowell for a while now and will be working with Randolph now as well. Natalie spoke to Zach at Gardiner Water and he had nothing but good things to say about Braford and this company, he also said that if anyone wanted to discuss this with him, he would be happy to talk with them. Doug recommended to go ahead and get this done at the same time the other surrounding towns are having this work completed. Doug recommended that we go ahead with this project and that the cost would be split between the sewer department and the town's highway department. This will now go back before the Select Board on 3/13/2024.

Budget – The sewer committee discussed the following budget lines.

1. The committee increases the CMP electric line by \$1,500.00 making that line \$6,000.00. The reason for this increase is that the \$4,500.00 that was budgeted last year was not enough to go through the end of the budget year.
2. The Office Expense budget stay the same as last year.

3. Any money left in the flushing line be carried forward so that when Maine Ave. needs to be flushed the sewer department will have enough saved up.
4. Pump Maintenance money to be carried forward to be used for the installation of generators on Dale, James and Russell Street in the event that the town receives the grant for the generators that are still needed.
5. Meter Pit Maintenance money to be carried forward to cover the cost to repair the box for the meter pit panel.
6. Manhole/Sewer Maintenance money should be carried forward to help pay for the cost of the \$55,200.00 that will be needed when Maine DOT paves a portion of Maine Ave. and our sewer manholes will need to be raised to meet DOT Specs. This line will also need to be increased to pay the above amount. If the Select Board elects to go ahead with the Ground Penetrating Radar this line will need to be increase to accommodate that as well.
7. Treatment cost – currently we have 68,801.28 available in that line, the last 3 invoices for sewer treatment were \$44,326.72, \$46,142.83 and \$41,729.17 if we estimate the last invoice to be \$50,000.00, we will have an overage of approximately \$18,800.00.

Estimated Carry Forwards as of 2/23/2024

1. Treatment Cost \$18,800.00
2. Pump Maintenance \$16,457.40
3. Meter Pit Maintenance \$2,153.72
4. Manhole/Sewer Maintenance \$12,482.00
5. Flushing \$7,325.00

- ⬇ Robert made a motion to adjourn the sewer committee meeting 6:25pm.
- ⬇ Nancy 2nd the motion
- ⬇ Vote 2
- ⬇ 2-0-0

Minutes Approved:

4/3/2024
Date

Eben Gilman
Eben Gilman, Chair

Robert Nitzel
Robert Nitzel

Nancy Frost
Nancy Frost

Submitted by: _____
Natalie Jackson

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