

**Town of Millbury
Minutes of
Sewer Commission Meeting
September 22, 2020**

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Attendees: Gary Nelson, Lisa Allain, Happy Erickson, Keith Caruso-DPW Director.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gary Nelson called to order the meeting at 4:46 pm.

ITEM TWO - INVOICES:

All invoices were signed

ITEM THREE – MINUTES:

September 8, 2020 – Happy Erickson made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Lisa Allain seconded the motion all in favor. Minutes were signed.

ITEM FOUR – OPERATIONS:

Chairman Nelson asked Keith Caruso if there is anything to report he there was a blockage on Elm Street that they thought the sewer guys had fixed but it clogged again and now they need a company to come and clean it out. It is believed to be from grease. The company should be in tomorrow. Chairman Nelson asked if Keith knew where the grease was coming from and they are not sure yet, they are trying to trace it. Keith Caruso also stated that work has started on the Elm Court Pump Station. Chairman Nelson stated that he went down there and there is a deep hole.

ITEM FIVE – ABATEMENT REQUEST:

William Bellerose – 24 Autumn Gate Cir - Billed: \$710.05 Abatement Request \$374.39 Abate to: \$335.66. They were billed for 55,000 thousand gallons on original bill and should have been billed for 29,000 thousand gallons minus 3,000 gallons for meter deduction making the bill for 26,000 thousand gallons.

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to abate Lisa Allain made the motion Happy Erickson seconded the motion all were in favor. Roll Call Vote: Happy Erickson; yes, Lisa Allain; yes, Gary Nelson; yes.

Maureen Gibson – 34 Gover Rd – Billed: \$555.13 Abatement Request: \$193.93 Abated to: \$361.20. Maureen stated that they had a leak in a toilet that they didn’t know they had and is looking for a 15,000-thousand-gallon deduction.

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to abate Happy Erickson made the motion and Lisa Allain seconded the motion all were in favor. Roll Call Vote: Happy Erickson; yes, Lisa Allain; yes, Gary Nelson; yes.

Gina Dresser – 2 Juniper Dr – Billed: \$826.24 Abatement Request: \$413.12 Abated to: \$413.12. Ms. Dresser was charged the wrong amount on her bill. Her bill should have been for 32,000 thousand gallons and not 64,000 thousand gallons.

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to abate Lisa Allain made the motion Happy Erickson seconded the motion all were in favor. Roll Call Vote: Happy Erickson; yes, Lisa Allain; yes, Gary Nelson; yes.

Peter & Gail Caruso – 3 Knollwood Cir – Billed: \$335.66 Abatement Request: \$ 167.83 Abated to: \$ 167.83. They are looking for an abatement due to the fact that they are on a fixed income and cannot afford their bill. Chairman Nelson stated that he is sorry about their circumstance but there is nothing the board can do because of hardship. If that was the case then everyone would be looking for an abatement.

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to Deny abatement Happy Erickson made the motion and Lisa Allain seconded the motion all were in favor. Roll Call Vote: Happy Erickson; yes, Lisa Allain; yes, Gary Nelson; yes.

Michael Notargiacomo – 44 MacArthur Dr – Billed: \$348.57 Abatement Request: \$219.57 Abated to: \$129.00. Mr. Notargiacomo stated that he filled out the form incorrectly. He put the wrong number in the box and would like his bill changed to reflect usage being billed for 10,000 thousand gallons. This is a well account. Chairman Nelson stated that the board needs to take a stand and start making residents responsible for their mistakes. Lisa Allain asked if there was a photo given with the meter and it was stated that there was not.

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to Deny abatement Lisa Allain made the motion Happy Erickson seconded the motion all were in favor. Roll Call Vote: Happy Erickson; yes, Lisa Allain; yes, Gary Nelson; yes.

Edward Massei – 104 MacArthur Dr – Billed: \$400.21 Abatement Request: \$348.57 Abated to: \$51.64. This also is a well account. Mr. Massei stated that he cares for 2 properties and just mixed up putting the information on the correct form. We do have a photo to go along with the forms.

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to abate Happy Erickson made the motion and Lisa Allain seconded the motion all were in favor. Roll Call Vote: Happy Erickson; yes, Lisa Allain; yes, Gary Nelson; yes.

ITEM SIX– BETTERMENTS:

None at this time.

ITEM SEVEN– SEWER EXTENSIONS/CONNECTIONS:

9 West Street – Sewer plans were given to the Board and Chairman Nelson stated that he is ok with the connection on West Street but looking at the plans that were submitted show tying into Cherry Street. This needs to be clarified before anything is complete. Chairman Nelson will look into this. It was also stated that they did not pull a permit for a sewer connection.

ITEM EIGHT: ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

Discuss and possible vote to discontinue Meter Deduction Program continued from August 25, 2020 meeting.

Chairman Nelson stated that he would like the board to really think about doing away with this program and what it would do to the residents on the program. Lisa Allain asked if counsel had any thoughts about what can be done about this. This will be continued at the next meeting on October 13, 2020. Chairman Nelson asked the sewer clerk to call Uxbridge and Northbridge to see if they had the meter deduction program and who do they use for water.

ITEM NINE – FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next regular scheduled meetings will be held on October 13, 2020 and October 27, 2020. Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month unless otherwise posted and/or cancelled. Time change of the meetings will be 4:30 pm unless otherwise posted.


ITEM TEN – ADJOURNMENT

At 5:20 p.m. Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to adjourn, Happy Erickson made the motion to adjourn and Lisa Allain seconded the motion all were in favor.

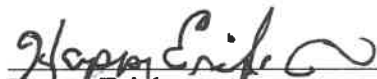
Roll Call Vote: Happy Erickson; yes, Lisa Allain; yes, Gary Nelson; yes.

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Respectfully submitted,
Christine Billington
Clerk-Sewer Department



Gary Nelson



Happy Erickson



Lisa Allain