

**Town of Millbury  
Minutes of  
Sewer Commission Meeting  
October 13, 2020**

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**“Welcome to the October 13, 2020 meeting of the Sewer Commission. This meeting is being recorded and streamed by Millbury Public Access Cable Television. This Meeting is also available through Zoom.us/download. Anyone who is participating through Zoom.us/download should state their name and address when speaking.”**

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.

Chairman Nelson wanted to take moment to let everyone know of the employee that retired from the Sewer Department. His name is Jamie Piscitelli and he worked in the sewer department for over 32 years and was a valuable employee he has been on the sewer department since we had the sewer plant in operation and when we disconnected and went to Upper Blackstone clear water he has been involved in the 5 major sewer expansion programs and he has also been with the department when we started with 400 users all the way to 4,000 users. We would like to thank Jamie Piscitelli for his service of 32 years of service and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

**ITEM TWO - INVOICES:**

No invoices to sign

**ITEM THREE – MINUTES:**

September 22, 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 he would like to discuss. Keith Caruso talked about the sewer main break we had it was a 24-inch line and it was the force main that went to Upper Blackstone, it broke right at the Blackstone River. We had an order complaint that came in and the sewer department went to check out and they shut down the force main and got that under control to stop the leak. Pumped over 3 million gallons from the plant to Upper Blackstone, the guys worked day and night and Keith stated that they did a great job handling the spill. Gary Nelson stated that you all did a great job in containing the spill was a smooth process from start to finish. Lisa Allain asked if there was any financial impact on the budget and Keith stated yes there will be we are still working on the billing and the trucking cost alone and the contractor that came in did a great job. D’Allasandro did a great job we had 2 crews for 12 hour shifts for 3 days. Keith spoke about how the job was completed.

Lisa stated that we will probable need to make it up next years budget. Keith stated that their may be other options, Gary stated he is talking to Senator Moore and Rep. Paul Frost and the insurance company. Just waiting to hear back.

**ITEM FIVE – ABATEMENT REQUEST:**

**Tammy Nigosian – 17 Rayburn Drive –**

Billed: \$258.20 Abatement Request \$64.55 Abate to: \$193.65

Did not receive paperwork back until September 24, 2020 and it was due back July 31, 2020. Looking for a 5,000-gallon deduction.

Chairman Nelson asked for thoughts on this. Chairman Nelson spoke about being more stick in the timeframe that the forms are due. Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to Deny abatement. Happy Erickson made the motion to deny Lisa Allain seconded the motion to deny all were in favor of denial.

**Alisa Fiorelli – 2A Woodland St –**

Billed: \$903.70 Abatement Request: \$271.11 Abated to: \$632.59.

Alisa stated that they had a leak in a toilet that they didn't know they had Aquarion gave them a credit for 21,000 thousand gallons and looking for the same from the board.

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to abate Lisa Allain made the motion and Happy Erickson seconded the motion all were in favor.

**Darlene Belsito – 10 Westview Avenue –**

Billed: \$451.85

Ms. Belsito send the board a letter stating that over the years she has not received her meter deduction form and wants to know why she has not received this form. Clerk looked into this and found her last meter form was 2016. Chairman Nelson stated that he looked over this account and found that Ms. Belsito paid all her previous bills and did not inquire about the meter deduction form until now. Clerk sent new form to Ms. Belsito but has not received it back yet.

**ITEM SIX– BETTERMENTS:**

None at this time.

**ITEM SEVEN– SEWER EXTENSIONS/CONNECTIONS:**

208 N. Main Street – Iacovelli Excavation Co – approved by board – pending approval from Frank Stachura sewer plant operator

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to approved the permits pending approval from Frank Stachura sewer plant operator. Lisa Allain made the motion and Happy Erickson seconded the motion, all were in favor.

57 Martin Street – Iacovelli Excavation Co. –

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to approve the permits pending approval from Sewer worker Frank Stachura. Happy Erickson made motion and Lisa Allain seconded motion all were in favor.

3 Weldon Drive – Mid State Sewerage – approved by board – pending approval from Frank Stachura sewer plant operator

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to approve the permit pending approval from Frank Stachura sewer plant operator.

Chairman Nelson asked for a motion Happy Erickson make the motion Lisa Allain seconded the motion all in favor.

4 McGrath Road Chairman Nelson would like to have no action on this right now. Chairman Nelson would like to have a meeting with Mr. Venincasa between Chairman Nelson, Keith Caruso DPW Director.

Chairman Nelson stated that he left McClure Engineering a message because he had a question for them on what they will be putting into the system. Chairman Nelson stated that they need to contact Upper Blackstone on if they are ok with what they put into the system.

McClure Engineering came into the office to discuss 12 Latti Farm Road. Chris McClure spoke about the new grow facility going in. Its called Greencare Therapeutics Cannabis Plant. Mr. McClure spoke about the renovations taking place inside the building. Mr. McClure is looking for permission from the board to apply to Upper Blackstone for industrial discharge permit. Nothing on the line will change just the interior of the building is changing. Would like the boards blessing to apply to Upper Blackstone. Chairman Nelson asked what they were discharging into the system. Minerals and plant discharge will be discharged into the system. Plans were passed out at meeting. Chairman Nelson stated that if Upper Blackstone has no problem with discharge then then board would have no problem. The board would like a copy of the application and a copy of the approval from Upper Blackstone. Copy of the application was given to board members.

9 West Street – no plans have been submitted as of yet

#### **ITEM EIGHT: ADDITIONAL TOPICS:**

Outsource billing was talked about and will be put on hold for now.

Discuss and possible vote to discontinue Meter Deduction Program continued from September 8, 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 would like more time to look into this. This will be continued at the next meeting on October 27, 2020.

Zoom members Jason Gregory 20 Cedar Ave – Chairman Nelson stated that this has been discussed the last 3 or 4 meetings. Jason stated that there are other towns that are doing the meter deduction program.

Keith Caruso spoke about possible paving Burbank Street to Sutton line but there are about 11 or 12 homes that have not tied in yet. Keith is meeting with other utilities to see what is there. Chairman Nelson stated that the cost for the 12 homes would be expensive. Chairman Nelson stated that we can reach out to Weston & Sampson and see what the elevations are. Lisa Allain stated that we do not have to have Weston & Sampson to do the elevations this is something that Lisa can do.

Chairman Nelson signed 2 contracts from Weston & Sampson, 1<sup>st</sup> contract was for the Providence Street break \$60,000.00

2<sup>nd</sup> was for the Flow Monitoring Program \$55,000.00. Chairman Nelson gave the originals to the secretary.

Chairman Nelson asked Keith if he had a copy of the questions on the insurance claim.

Nancy - 12 Warren St called about meter deduction program. Wants to know about what is happening with the program. New to town and installed meter system because Millbury allowed it and wants to make sure the program stays because the water they use for irrigation does not go into the town sewer system.

**ITEM NINE – FUTURE MEETING DATE**

The next regular scheduled meetings will be held on October 27, 2020 and November 10, 2020. Meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month unless otherwise posted and/or cancelled.


**ITEM TEN – ADJOURNMENT**


At 5:35 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.

(More information about this meeting can be found on the VOD Millbury Public Access channel)

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Billington  
Clerk-Sewer Department

  
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Gary Nelson

  
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Happy Erickson

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Lisa Allain