

**Town of Millbury
Minutes of
Sewer Commission Meeting
August 27, 2019**

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CALL TO ORDER

Gary Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Gary Nelson, Happy Erickson, Lisa Allain, Keith Caruso DPW Supervisor and Christine Billington Clerk

Frank Stachura - Sewer Plant Operator was absent

ITEM TWO – PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

Finance Director Andrew Vanni was present for tonight's meeting per the request of Gary Nelson. Gary Nelson and Andrew Vanni has a meeting on the Sewer Rate for 2020. Gary handed out a sheet with the new rates on it from starting from FY 2017 through FY 2020. There has been no rate change since 2017, so the Board wants to raise the rates to \$12.30. This rate increase is due to the MS4 Project and the Downtown Revitalization Project. The rate increase will be 71 cents increase from \$11.59 to \$12.30 which is not a lot. Chairman Nelson would like to set the new tax rate. The rate increase was open for discussion. Happy Erickson asked if this was necessary and Gary stated that is was to cover costs. Andrew Vanni also stated the Upper Blackstone increased their rates also. Happy made the motion to accept the increase and Lisa seconded the motion, all were in favor of the increase to \$12.30.

Acting Town Manager Jamie Kelley came into the meeting to observe. Mr. Kelley also spoke about getting money from the State program for the MS4 project to assist in the consulting costs. He said he will be at the next meeting of the Board also to observe.

ITEM THREE – INVOICES

Miscellaneous invoices reviewed, approved and signed by Sewer Commission.

ITEM FOUR – MINUTES

Approved the Minutes from July 23, 2019. Lisa made the motion to approve Happy seconded the motion all were in favor to approve minutes.

ITEM FIVE - OPERATIONS:

Gary asked Keith if he knew if Frank spoke to Sutton about the calibrations. Keith said he did not know if Frank spoke to Sutton.

Gary received a letter from Acting Town Manager James Kelley about National Grid and the Elm Court pump station problems. Acting Town Manager will be having a meeting with National Grid on August 30, 2019, after this meeting the letter will be issued the National Grid if this is not resolved in a timely manner then the Board will look into upgrading the Warren Street pump station.

ITEM SIX – ABATEMENT REQUESTS:

Nothing at this time

ITEM SEVEN – BETTERMENTS:

Nothing at this time

ITEM EIGHT – SEWER EXTENSIONS/CONNECTIONS:

Disconnect permit came in for 30 Shore Terrace – Motion was made by Happy and Lisa seconded the motion to accept the disconnect permit all were in favor.

ITEM NINE– ADDITIONAL TOPICS

Chairman Nelson wanted to keep the Board members updated about Quarterly billing. We are looking into doing this next year.

There are two articles going on the November Town Meeting warrant. One article will be for a half year employee for the Sewer Department since Jamie Piscitelli will be retiring soon. The second article will be for \$320,000 for MS4 and Upper Blackstone increase.

Chairman Nelson also spoke about Clearview Estates having three options for tying in. First option would be to tie into our sewer system. Second option would be to tie into Worcester and the Third option would be to tie into Millbury Avenue. There was a letter that was sent to Worcester and we are still waiting for a response. Eastland Partners may need an agreement with Worcester. All costs for the project will be paid through Eastland Partners. Gary stated that we will not lose much money if they tie into Worcester. Happy asked Gary if it would be cheaper if they tie into Worcester and Gary stated that it would and that the extra flow would not be going into our system.

Chairman Nelson asked Christine if we would put a list of the Town owned buildings together when we do the billing for September and I said we will do that. So we can see how much flow we are losing.

Gary asked to see what Cobble Stone has paid in I & I's. Christine told Gary she would look into this.

Keith Caruso asked the Board if they were on board with the fee of \$100,000 for the tip project. Gary said yes that the Board is aware of the money for the project.

The future meetings will now be at 5:30 pm instead of 5:00 pm.

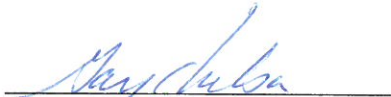
ITEM TEN – FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next regular scheduled meetings will be held September 10, 2019 and September 24, 2019. Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month unless otherwise posted and/or cancelled.

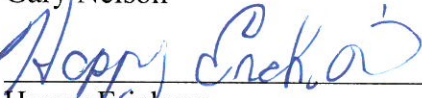
ITEM ELEVEN – ADJOURNMENT

At 6:05 p.m. Happy Erickson made the motion to adjourn vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Billington
Clerk-Sewer Department



Gary Nelson



Happy Erickson



Lisa Allain