

**Town of Millbury
Minutes of
Sewer Commission Meeting
October 29, 2019**

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Present: Gary Nelson, Happy Erickson, Lisa Allain, Keith Caruso DPW Supervisor,
Frank Stachura – Sewer Plant Operator and Christine Billington Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gary Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Nelson asked the board if they have read everything in their packets and it was stated yes they are all set.

ITEM TWO – PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

None at this time

ITEM THREE – INVOICES

Miscellaneous invoices reviewed, approved and signed by Sewer Commission.

ITEM FOUR – MINUTES

Approved the Minutes from October 8, 2019 Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to approve the minutes Happy Erickson made the motion to approve as written, Lisa Allain seconded the motion to approve the minutes all were in favor to approve minutes.

ITEM FIVE - OPERATIONS:

ITEM SIX – ABATEMENT REQUESTS:

14 Elm Street – Allan Ackerman – Chairman Nelson asked for a motion Lisa Allain made the motion to approve Happy Erickson seconded the motion all were in favor of the abatement.

3-5 Summer Street – Shawn Wyse –Chairman Nelson asked for a motion Happy Erickson made the motion to approve and Lisa Allain seconded the motion all were in favor of the abatement.

11 Village Green– Silvino Sousa – Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to deny the abatement Lisa Allain made the motion to deny the abatement and Happy Erickson seconded the motion all were in favor of denying the abatement. Chairman Nelson stated the reason for the denial was because the previous bill they were only charged for 1 read and not 2 reads. Which should have been billed for 24,000 gallons. Her bill has been averaging from two to three hundred dollars each billing cycle. Chairman Nelson stated that if she has any questions, she can come to our next meeting.

ITEM SEVEN – BETTERMENTS:

Nothing at this time

ITEM EIGHT – SEWER EXTENSIONS/CONNECTIONS:

The clerk stated that this was not on tonight's agenda as this just came into the office today.

Chairman Nelson asked Frank if the tie card should be added to the request and Frank stated that he usually looks this information up the drawing that was submitted will look like the tie card when connected.

16 Wildwood Road – MidState Sewerage – Magno Araujo – Chairman Nelson asked for a motion, Happy Erickson made the motion and Lisa Allain seconded the motion all were in favor of approval.

ITEM NINE– ADDITIONAL TOPICS

Chairman Nelson spoke about him and Keith meeting with the Finance Committee last night to go over the three articles that are on the Special Town meeting warrant bottom line is they went along with what they had for an explanation on the articles. Chairman Nelson spoke about the school article asking Keith what he thinks will happen at the Special Town Meeting and he said it could go either way. Happy Erickson asked if they will still be building the condos on Park Hill. Keith stated that I'm sure we will be talking about that tonight. Chairman Nelson spoke about a meeting that will be taking place tomorrow with Eastland, himself, Frank Stachura and Frank Occhipinti. Keith stated that he had a 10:00 meeting tomorrow he will not be able to make the meeting. He will try to make the second half of the meeting.

Chairman Nelson handed out paperwork from town council on the decision of the sewer rates stating that the sewer commission was doing nothing wrong. Chairmn Nelson asked the clerk to contact Mr. Mercadante and let him know that we are not doing anything wrong. It was brought up at the finance committee meeting about the rates and that it was on the internet so chairman nelson stated that town council stated that the board was not doing anything wrong.

Chairman Nelson asked what happended with Mr. Patterson and the clerk stated she has not heard from him, Chairman Nelson asked the clerk to contact him to find out what is going on, clerk stated that she would.

Chairman Nelson asked Frank about what is going on up at Stratford Village and Frank stated that he just got in contact with the operations and Stantec and the are trying to correct what needs to be fixed. Chairman Nelson asked Frank if he could walk with them to make sure everything is ok.

Chairman Nelson showed the flows from the Schools and how much they are not being charged. Chairman Nelson stated just look at the money we could be collecting.

Chairman Nelson handed out his opinion of what will take place tomorrow at the meeting with Eastland. If they connect to Worcester the cost to make the connection to Route 20 will be approximately \$100,000 paid by Eastland. There will need to be an inter municipal agreement for 20-25 years. The cost to accept flow based on $\$4.15/\text{ccf} = 748 \text{ gals.} = \$5.52/1000 \text{ gals.}$ Based on 50,000 gallons per day $= 4276.000 \text{ per day} \times 365 = \$100,740 \text{ year to pay to Worcester.}$ Frank O. was talking about peak flow the town will be paying around 200,000 a year for the users to pay for the flow going to Worcester. It will cost the town with a 25 year agreement \$2,500,000 - \$5,000,000 which the town will need to pay. Chairman Nelson was asking if this could be added to the condo fees. Personally his approach will be to Eastland that you need to tie into our system or build your own system and take care of it yourself. Does anyone else have any thoughts? Chairman Nelson stated that Eastland will need to upgrade our system. Happy asked about the betterment fee and I & I fees and yes they would need to pay each fee. If Eastland puts the cost of upgrading the fees it would be around \$5,000 for each unit which the developer can charge the homeowner. Happy stated he goes along with tying into our system. Chairman Nelson asked if everyone was in agreement and it was stated that they were all in agreement with him.

ITEM TEN – FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next regular scheduled meetings will be held November 12, 2019 and November 26, 2019. Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month unless otherwise posted and/or cancelled. The November 12, 2019 meeting will be cancelled due to the Special Town Meeting. December's meetings will be changed to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday for December only.

ITEM ELEVEN – ADJOURNMENT

At 6:35 p.m. Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to adjourn, Happy Erickson made the motion to adjourn Lisa seconded the motion all were in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Billington
Clerk-Sewer Department



Gary Nelson



Happy Erickson



Lisa Allain