

**Town of Millbury  
Minutes of  
Sewer Commission Meeting  
November 26, 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.

**ITEM THREE – PUBLIC ATTENDEES:**

Rosa Wyse from 3-5 Summer Street did not come into the meeting.

Mike Dryden – Allen Engineering did not come into the meeting.

David Perkins is in attendance and Chairman Nelson asked Mr. Perkins to take a seat at the table. Mr. Perkins is stating that he has land on Benton Street that he would like to tie into the town sewer. Chairman Nelson asked where it was and Mr. Perkins stated that it is at the top of Croyden Street up towards the back of the street that abuts Dorothy Road. Mr. Perkins is showing a drawing of Benton Street. Mr. Perkins is stating that there is sewer in the street that he wants to tie into the sewer. Chairman Nelson asked if it was town owned or not and Mr. Perkins stated that the town plows the street so he thinks it is town accepted. Mr. Perkins is stating that there is a six inch sewer line that is in the road. There is a lateral at 28 Benton Street but Mr. Perkins stated that he does not think there is a lateral there. Mr. Perkins is stating that there are cleanouts in the roads and that house #30 is tied into the sewer system, Mr. Perkins said he would need to tie into the system and it is about 300 feet down the road. Lisa Allain asked Mr. Perkins if there was anyone tied into the system next to him and he said no. Mr. Perkins stated that there are no man holes on the street that they are just cleanouts. Frank is worried that it is a private line. Chairman Nelson asked if it is definitely town sewer, Frank will look into this. Mr. Perkins stated that the pipe is big enough to handle one more home. Chairman Nelson asked Frank to take a look at this with Jamie to see what is going on with the line. This will be on hold until Frank and Jamie can go out and look into this. Lisa stated that we need to look into the sewer regulations to make sure that there is no violations. Lisa will look into doing a deed search to see if there is anything on file. Chairman Nelson stated that sounds good.

### **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 Lisa Allain made the motion and Happy Erickson seconded the motion to approve the minutes all were in favor to approve minutes.

### **ITEM FIVE - OPERATIONS:**

### **ITEM SIX – ABATEMENT REQUESTS:**

15 Elmwood Terrace – Dennis Lapierre – Carrie Palmer came into speak to the board. Chairman Nelson asked to jump down to 6:30 pm - 15 Elmwood Terrace to step up to the table. Carrie stated that they were issued a well account that should be Aquarion water account which they should have only been billed for \$319.80 and her bill should have been \$184.50. Looking for a \$135.30 dollar abatement to bring the bill to \$184.50. Carrie stated that they have been paying the well amount since 2016. Chairman Nelson stated that they have been paying this for 3 years. Lisa asked if the well amount was more and it was stated yes. Carrie is looking for an abatement for the current billing cycle and the last billing cycle and it was stated that not sure if you can go back more than 6 months for an abatement. Carrie asked if Aquarion sends over the amounts why this can't be caught. And it was stated it is because this was set up as a well account. Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to abate and Happy Erickson made the motion and Lisa Allain seconded the motion all were in favor of the abatement.

Chairman Nelson asked the clerk to check with Denise on the previous six month bill to see if this can be abated.

16 Cedar Avenue – Richard Patterson – Chairman Nelson spoke about Mr. Patterson coming in on the previous meeting and asked him to get a letter from Aquarion for a rebate and now Mr. Patterson is looking for the same from the board. 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.

23 Johnson Street – Roland Campbell – Chairman Nelson stated that Mr. Campbell was billed for 130 thousand gallons and should have been billed for 86 thousand gallons. He was billed for 3 reads and not 2 reads. Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to grant the abatement Lisa Allain made the motion to grant the abatement and Happy Erickson seconded the motion all were in favor of granting the abatement.

3-5 Summer Street – Shawn Wyse –Chairman Nelson spoke about the amount that was given to her was the dollar amount that was given not the gallon amount and that this would be held until this meeting to make a decision on the amount. Chairman Nelson stated that her next bill in March will be the same as the September bill that they received the adjustment for. The board agreed not to give another abatement on this property.

**ITEM SEVEN – BETTERMENTS:**

Nothing at this time

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

Nothing at the time

**ITEM NINE– ADDITIONAL TOPICS**

Chairman Nelson spoke to Keith Caruso about what was spoken about before he came into the meeting.

Mike Dryden might be at the December 17, 2019 meeting but not sure about this.

Lisa asked about the Benton property about the cutoff date and it was stated that November 15, 2019 is the last day to cut into the road and Keith stated that they would need special consideration to cut into the road. Chairman Nelson asked Frank about his concern on the Grow plant up in the industrial park and Chairman Nelson spoke with the town planner and stated that they are going to recycle the water they use at the plant. Frank stated that's what he figured.

Frank stated that they came with the wrong meter for the solar panels and that they are supposed to come back sometime with the new meter. Frank stated that they are looking into replacing the windows and doors down at the main plant and are looking into getting a grant for the replacement of the windows and doors. Frank stated that he is also looking into the Main Street pump station windows getting replaced this will probably take a year or more to get the project completed.

Chairman Nelson spoke about Casa Verdi development about the money that needs to be given back to them but the money when into the sewer account and it should have been put into the street opening account. Chairman Nelson asked Keith what they want to do about this and Keith stated that he and Gary will speak about this before the next meeting.

Stratford Village had connections that were denied at the last meeting and Frank stated that he went up to the project manager and spoke to Jessie about what needs to be done and Frank stated that he told them that they need to contact Stantec. Jessie spoke with Christine and he told her that everything was completed. Frank stated that they knew what was wrong last year. Lisa Allain asked who hired Stantec and Chairman Nelson stated that the planning board hired Stantec. Frank stated that he talked to Jessie before Thanksgiving and has not heard back from him yet. Chairman Nelson asked Frank to touch base with them again and find out what is going on. Lisa stated that they should not be getting paid. Chairman Nelson stated that if it is a private system then they should be taking care of this project. Frank stated that David Glenn was the contact person. Frank stated that he has not been back up there yet and there is only 1 building left to pull permits. It was stated that Jessie came into the office and asked for 4 more permits applications. The only problem is the connection into Burbank Street, Frank stated that the connections on the property are ok. Chairman Nelson will stop in and talk to the town planner about this project.

Chairman Nelson spoke about the Clearview project getting quotes from EST Company for meters came back at \$40,000 Weston and Sampson put a quote in at \$45,000 and these two quotes went to Eastland Partners last week and have not heard back from them yet. Lisa Allain asked if the town is splitting the cost of each quote and Chairman Nelson stated yes.

Chairman Nelson stated that the Conservation Commission granted the order of conditions for Warren Street and Elm Court will be going out to bid December 4, 2019 and there will be a pre bid meeting December 12, 2019. Hoping to start the first of the year. Lisa Allain asked who does the bid opening and where, Chairman Nelson stated this is done by him and it will be at the town hall.

Andrew Vanni gave the Chairman figures on what there is in the retained earnings account. Chairman Nelson spoke to Keith about going over the budget soon and Keith stated yes. Chairman Nelson spoke to Frank about getting a capital plan together soon for the budget.

Chairman Nelson was speaking about the MS4 project and Keith stated that Jamie Kelley is working on the MS4 for the DPW office and there is another one that he is looking into for the Sewer Department. Chairman Nelson spoke about adding another person to the budget for next fiscal year.



Chairman Nelson asked about the next betterment billing when it will be going out. It was stated as soon as we go through the list we will be sending them out. Chairman stated that Stratford Village and Cobblestone should be sent out.

Chairman Nelson talked about the Rules and Regulations and Lisa Allain stated that she thought that they were completed and Chairman Nelson stated that it is just a type o error that needs to be fixed. Lisa would like the rules and regs changed that when they pull the building permit that they need to pay the betterment fee. Chairman Nelson stated that this is something the board can look at and he will get a hold of Town Counsel to come into the meeting after the first of the year.

Chairman Nelson asked about Autumn Gates and what is going on with them and Frank stated that he has not been down there, Lisa asked who is maintaining the property and that Gallo is still responsible for anything that happens over there.

Chairman Nelson asked Frank how big the pump station is at the mall and Frank stated that he will check it out. Frank stated that sometimes they get called to the pump station and sometimes the mall gets the call but the mall pays for everything. Lisa stated that our flow goes into this pump station, Happy stated that it was an agreement with the mall on the flow from Tainter Hill going into the pump station. Chairman Nelson stated that we would need to ask the mall if we can add more flow to the pump station at the mall. Frank stated that the mall pays for all the major repairs to the pump station. Lisa stated that even if the mall states that they can tie into the sewer system that the main street pump station cannot handle the excess flow. Money was put back into the general fund because it was not used.

#### **ITEM TEN – FUTURE MEETING DATE**

The next regular scheduled meetings will be held December 3, 2019 and December 17, 2019. 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 ELEVEN – ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:45 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

  
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Gary Nelson

  
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Happy Erickson

  
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Lisa Allain