

**Town of Millbury  
Minutes of  
Sewer Commission Meeting  
July 26, 2022**

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Attendees: Gary Nelson, Lisa Allain and Keith Caruso and secretary Amy Riordan.  
Guests: Jennifer Barrett, Finance Director

**ITEM ONE-CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Gary Nelson called to order the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Jennifer Barrett was in attendance to discuss the sewer rate. Jennifer informed the commissioners that she reviewed all the data she had on file and had a conversation with the consultant and they have determined that they need a little more time to review all of the data. Jennifer recommends waiting another two weeks before addressing the sewer rate. Jennifer wants to have all information available before she makes a change to the rate. She is concerned about raising the rate too much and she doesn't want to do that. Jennifer needs some input on the calculation of flows and data.

Gary Nelson has concerns about getting money allocated for the planning of capital projects with aging pump stations. Three pump stations need to be upgraded. The consultant will be sending out an invite for a meeting to review the current information. Gary informed Jennifer that there is about 30% of flows that are not billable for various reasons. Gary would also like Jennifer to review the indirect costs and determine if these unused funds go back into the sewer budget.

Keith Caruso is concerned with the upcoming costs for the MS4 projects and the next round of testing.

Jennifer and Gary would like all data collected on the flows for all municipal buildings.

All parties will have a meeting with the consultant on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**ITEM TWO – ABATEMENT REQUEST:**

**26 Autumn Gate Circle-** approved in the amount of \$193.65

**42 Carousel Drive-** approved in the amount of \$258.20

**1 Louis Ballard Lane-** denied-more information is needed

**7 Sullivan Place-** approved in the amount of \$90.37

**41 Stratford Village-** approved in the amount of \$154.92

**2 Juniper Dr-** approved in the amount of \$51.64

**ITEM THREE - MINUTES:**

Minutes for the June 28, 2022 meeting were approved and signed by all. Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to approve and Lisa Allain made the motion to approve the minutes as written and was seconded by Gary Nelson. Vote to approve: Unanimous.

**ITEM FOUR – INVOICES:**

Lisa Allain made the motion to approve the Town of Sutton invoice in the amount of \$68,628.55. Gary Nelson seconded the motion: vote unanimous.

**ITEM FIVE – OPERATIONS:**

Sewer clerk has moved to another office so new clerk has requested meetings to be scheduled once a month. Monthly meetings will be held the second Tuesday of the month starting in October as August and September meeting dates have already been scheduled.

Gary Nelson made a motion to allow Keith Caruso to approve all new sewer connections permits with approval by the sewer department.

Keith informed the commissioners that MS4 work is ongoing. The pump station at Elm Court is billowing white smoke due to a bad injection pump. Ray Willis has reached out to Ludlow Construction in order to resolve the issue. That pump station was also hit over the weekend. Friday night an individual drove a motor vehicle into the retaining wall causing some damage. Keith is still working on the punch list items for the Elm Court pump station. Keith is actively working on addressing all of the remaining issues that need to be addressed at that station.

270 and 272 West Main Street-Permit was pending-Keith and Frank did inspection and they are ok to go.

281 West Main Street-has been approved as all requirements have been met.

Keith Caruso informed the commissioners that Aquarion has declared a stage 3 drought advisory banning all outside watering which is a mandatory ban. All irrigation systems for the town have been shut down as to comply with the restriction. Gary made a motion to deny all abatements for all outside watering from July 1, 2022 through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Notice will be sent out to all users.

**ITEM SIX -CONNECTION PERMITS:** Nothing at this time.

**ITEM SEVEN– DRAIN LAYERS LICENSE:** Nothing at this time.

**ITEM EIGHT– ADDITIONAL TOPICS**

Re-organization paperwork will be done August 23, 2022 meeting as Happy Erickson was not in attendance.

**ITEM NINE-UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

The Sewer Commissioners will meet again on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, September 13, 2022

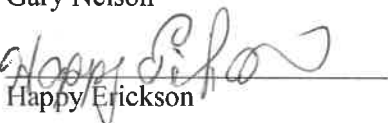
**ITEM TEN-ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:45 p.m. Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to adjourn, Lisa Allain made the motion to adjourn. Gary Nelson seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Riordan

  
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Gary Nelson

  
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Happy Erickson

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Lisa Allain