

**Town of Millbury
Minutes of
Sewer Commission Meeting
July 11, 2023**

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Attendees: Gary Nelson, Happy Erickson, Lisa Allain, Mark Hollis, Jennifer Barret and Michelle Nordstrom

ITEM ONE-CALL TO ORDER:

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

ITEM TWO - MINUTES:

Minutes for the May 9, 2023 meeting were approved and signed as written by all. Gary Nelson asked for a motion to approve and Happy Erickson made the motion to approve and Lisa Allain 2nd that motion.

Vote to approve: Unanimous

ITEM THREE - SEWER INCREASE RATE FY 2024 2nd QUARTER:

Jennifer Barret our Finance Director was in attendance to discuss the information she received regarding the sewer rate. Weston and Sampson have been performing the rate study for the town. The study shows data history over several years. Jennifer proposed an increase rate of 3%.

Gary Nelson made a motion to increase the sewer rate by 3% FY2024 changing the rate from \$13.30 to \$13.70 a \$.40 (cent) increase per 1,000 gallons. This 3% increase would also affect Flat Fee Rates (Wells) changing the flat fee rate from \$172.90 to \$178.09 a \$5.19 increase per quarter, this increase rate would be in affect FY2024 2nd quarter billing. Happy Erickson made the motion to approve and Lisa Allain 2nd that motion.

Vote to approve: Unanimous

ITEM FOUR - ABATEMENTS:

The following abatements were presented for approval:

100 MacArthur Drive (from previous meeting). Abatement amount \$172.90 Gary Nelson asked for a motion to approve, Happy Erickson made the motion to approve and Lisa Allain 2nd that motion. Vote to approve: Unanimous

28 Prospect Street: Abatement for \$1090.56 was denied unanimously by the board.

17 Riverlin Parkway: Abatement amount \$172.90 Gary Nelson asked for a motion to approve, Happy Erickson made the motion to approve and Lisa Allain 2nd that motion. Vote to approve: Unanimous.

ITEM FIVE - POOL DEDUCTIONS:

The following pool deductions were presented for approval:

360 Greenwood Street, 4000 gal x \$13.30 = \$53.20

41 Rayburn Drive, 16,000 gal x \$13.30 = \$212.80

57 West Main Street, 13,000 gal x \$13.30 = \$172.90

6 Bill Graham Lane 11,450 gal x \$13.30 = \$152.28

Gary Nelson asked for a motion to approve and Lisa Allain made the motion to approve and Happy Erickson 2nd that motion.

Vote to approve: Unanimous

ITEM SIX- ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

Gary Nelson stated that Mark Hollis had spoken with Onsite in regards to the Elm Court Pump Station. Mark stated "the electrician thought pump #2 was creating a problem, but after talking to Frank Stachura the Sewer Foreman, he said it was fine. There hadn't been any alarms going off in a while". This project is now considered to be closed out.

Gary Nelson stated that "I & I rehab rebate we did has 1 more payout". We did 4 phases of I & I. We just went through a whole new rehab process. Kin from Weston & Sampson sent out an email saying there's one more pay voucher that we're looking for then we can close that out.

Gary Nelson stated he talked to Frank Occhipinti from Weston & Sampson about main pump station. We have 1 more year to do something with that or else we have to reallocate the money. He's waiting on some pumps. Mark stated "we are still waiting on the pumps availability, and if we can even get one in".

Gary Nelson asked Mark about the Rayburn Drive project with Onsite. Mark stated "it is moving along".

Mark Hollis stated "He has been working with the board of health on grease traps and they have been getting cleaning records from all the food establishments. So as long as they are cleaning their grease traps, there's really no reason for Weston & Sampson to inspect them".

Mark Hollis made a request for updating our GIS system so we can map out some of the sewers that go through locations and easements, etc. to do some better maintenance on these things to prevent root related blockages.

ITEM SEVEN - UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Next meeting is August 22, 2023 4:30

ITEM EIGHT- ADJOURNMENT:

July 11th 2023 @ 5:30


Gary Nelson asks for motion to adjourn, Happy Erickson makes a motion to adjourn, and Lisa Allain 2nd the motion to adjourn.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Nordstrom


Gary Nelson


Happy Erickson


Lisa Allain