

## Sewer Committee Meeting August 24, 2009

James Tishler called the regular monthly meeting of the Baileys Harbor Sewer Committee to order at 6:05PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Tishler, Gary Nelson, Dale Williams, Douglas Smith, Donald Prust, Bert Sawyer and Ryan Weisgerber. Paul Kordon was absent.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Gary/Jim to accept the agenda. Carried.

Accept minutes – Motion made/second Gary/Jim to accept the minutes. Carried. Dale gave an update as to the Chapel Lane drainage issues that were discussed last month. Town Board had the engineer come up with the plan for it. The engineer needs to find out if an existing easement can be used. The easement is very specific and only allows Maxwellton Braes to use it, so it's a private easement. The property owner may have to be negotiated with.

Accept Treasurer Report – Clerk will get a printout of the repair/maintenance account and Don will go over it. It seems like there is more out of it than should be. Motion made/second Jim/Gary to accept the report. Carried.

Discuss/decide new sludge pump – The sludge pump in the digester had some problems so they send it in to VPC. The quote for repairs is \$2,833. Since the quote came in high, Don got a price for a new one for \$4,843. He was wondering if we should fix the 20 year old one or buy a new one. The newer ones are supposed be clog proof. The new one would take a while to get here, but they would have one we could use in the interim. It pumps about 300,000 gallons per year. The new one would be purchased out of the replacement fund. Repairing the old one would come out of repair and maintenance. If they fixed the old one, they wouldn't rewind the motor, so that could go out in a couple of years. Motion made/second Jim/Gary to recommend the purchase of a new sludge pump, the funds for which will come out of replacement. Carried.

Discussion on whether various properties should be billed as commercial or as residential – There seems to be some properties that are billed as commercial and should be residential and vice versa. We may have to ask some of the property owners to come to a meeting and discuss what they're doing with the property. We should also look and see if our ordinances say anything about what determines commercial vs. residential. Gary mentioned that if they pay room tax, maybe they should be billed as commercial. Clerk will get a listing of properties from the Tourism Zone Commission for Don to go over. If they're switched, a letter will be written explaining why. They will also need a meter installed. Don will work on it.

Update on new commercial meters – Letters went out to all commercial customers. Don only received three calls. Nathan Nichols was just wondering what to expect. Donn Valenti doesn't want to pay for it in case the place sells. We're still going to proceed with the plan of having them all in by the end of the year. The second meter at Restaurant Saveur (formerly Common House) for the ice machine is no longer needed, so

they're only ordering one for them. Training for the new system will be in December. We won't be billed for anything until January, so it's in next year's budget.

Don – Sewer report – Don delivered the report, a copy of which is available in the 2009 Minute Book.

Committee input, if any – We're on schedule to replace some manholes.

Motion made/second Jim/Gary to adjourn at 7:08PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Sewer Committee meeting.

Douglas Smith  
Town Clerk