

LELAND TOWNSHIP SEWER COMMISSION
Thursday, September 5, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.
Leland Township Office
489 W. Main Street, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
Regular Meeting MINUTES

Quorum Present

PRESENT: Treasurer Shirley Garthe, Chair Jim Redmond, Steve Scales, Carolyn Telgard

ABSENT: Frank Migda

GUESTS: Steve Patmore, Mitch Gawrysiak, Mr. and Mrs. Mikowski

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Redmond called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES

2 corrections were noted in the meeting minutes of August 1, 2024

ACTION: Scales moved to approve the minutes of August 1, 2024 as presented and amended; supported by Garthe. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS

1. Treasurer (reports on file in Leland Township Office)

Ms. Garthe reported on income and expenses in the Sewer Operating and Improvement funds. There was nothing unusual. We will probably be paying Williams and Bay for more work. The annual delinquent sewer payments report is coming out. There was discussion about the delinquent accounts. A payment on the truck will be coming up.

2. Sewer Administrator and Operating Report, Steve Patmore/Mitch Gawrysiak

Monthly reports are on file in the Leland Office.

The report was distributed to the Commission members.

Flows are normal. Gawrysiak is managing the lagoon level. The phosphorous level is at 2.04 which is less than last month.

There was a break in the force main at 208 Avenue A. Williams and Bay found the crack and it has been repaired. A sludge pump has been fixed.

There was discussion about new equipment. We will have to schedule regular pumping of St. Mary's. We will be adding surge protection on the electrical. Asset management

discussion is coming up. A new computer with remote has been purchased. A payment on the work truck will be scheduled.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- The Mission statement was read aloud and briefly reviewed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Steve Scales – He had a question about the cost of the phones.

- There was a brief discussion about homeowners who cover up septic tank access when building and remodeling. How do we ensure that people don't cover up the septic access. We do have a legal disclaimer. There was discussion about septic tank policies and what exactly the Township is responsible for

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Mikowski – He reviewed the history of the sewer system when every user was required to install a new, free septic tank. He also asked what has changed at the Harbor. The odor is worse now.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 3, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION: Scales moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m.; supported by Garthe. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Lisa Brookfield, Township Clerk