

08.22.2024 Board Meeting

Ruth Jacobs, a 75-year-old resident on a fixed income, expressed her inability to pay \$9,000 for sewer line repairs. The board discussed potential grant options and suggested reaching out to Full Circle, LEAP, and Rochelle for assistance. The board also considered extending the timeframe for repairs. The meeting covered various updates, including a \$15.9 million guaranteed maximum price for a sewer project, a \$17 million loan package, and a \$1 million grant from DOLA. The board approved a resolution for a sewer collection system construction agreement and discussed the need for an owner contingency.

Action Items

- Look into potential grant funding options to assist Ruth Jacobs and others with costly sewer line repairs.
- Contact Joe to communicate board's decision about Bensons' tap fee waiver request.
- Review construction drawings for wastewater treatment plant project scheduled to be issued in early September.
- Finalize intergovernmental agreement with Lake County for conduct of November election.

Outline

Public Comment and Sewer Line Issues

- Ruth Jacobs, a 75-year-old resident on a fixed income, expresses her inability to pay for sewer line repairs due to financial constraints.
- Ruth Jacobs explains that her sewer line goes through an empty lot next door and empties onto Pine Street, not Seventh Street, which is her preference.
- Sterling Mudget and Joshua Miller discuss the technical aspects of the sewer line issue, including the need to backfill and the low elevation of the service line.
- Joshua Miller mentions that Carlos Plumbing provided an estimate of \$9,000 for the repairs, but additional quotes are needed.

Exploring Grant Options and Financial Assistance

- Ruth Jacobs questions the department's plan to help residents like her who cannot afford the sewer line repairs.
- Jane Gowing and other speakers discuss the possibility of applying for grants to assist residents with sewer line issues.

- Mike Smith suggests reaching out to Full Circle for potential grant assistance, while Angelina Salazar mentions that LEAP has helped with wastewater backup and property tax payments.
- The conversation highlights the need for grant writers to help residents apply for financial assistance, and the board agrees to extend the time period for repairs to help everyone.

Discussion on Tap Fees and Property Easements

- Sterling Mudge brings up the request to waive tap fees for a property owned by the Bensons, which was bought in 2016 with an easement from the early 80s.
- The board agrees not to waive the tap fees, citing that the easement was a one-time agreement from the past.
- Joshua Miller is tasked with informing George Benson about the board's decision.
- The board moves on to discuss the West Street, Porterfield project, with Chelsea Fagan confirming that the project meets engineering requirements.

Sewer Collection System Project Update -Janet Hausmann from *NA* provides an update on the sewer collection system project, including the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of\$15.9 million.

- The project includes a contingency of about half a million dollars and equipment costs.
- Janet Hausmann advises the board to consider an owner contingency for unexpected costs, as the district has a loan package for \$17 million.
- The board is encouraged to expedite the issuance of the contract agreement and notice to proceed to keep the project on schedule.

Shared Sewer Service Updates

- Joshua Miller reports on the progress of shared sewer service updates, including: the resolution of issues on West Sixth and Spruce streets.
- The board discusses the need for a digital storage system to keep track of records and video documentation.
- Joshua Miller mentions that letters have been sent out to property owners regarding shared service lines, and compliance has been confirmed through die testing.

2023 Audit and November Election Preparations

- Angelina Salazar provides an update on the 2023 audit, with Joshua Miller working on the MDMA and finalizing the submission to the auditors.

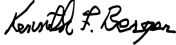
- The board discusses the preparation for the November election, including the compilation of eligible voter lists and the finalization of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the county.
- The board agrees to enter into the IGA for the conduct and administration of the 2024 general election.

Minutes and Closing Remarks

- Jane Gowing provides an update on the minutes, mentioning that they are still working on the AI minutes but aim to have them ready for the next meeting.
- The board reviews and approves the minutes and payroll report.
- The meeting concludes with a motion to adjourn, and the board members sign the checks while enjoying pizza.

Said minutes were read and approved:

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Jane Gowing, Secretary

