

## August 10th 2023 Leadville Sanitation Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Bob Vigil, Mike Smith, Ken Berger, Sterling Mudge

Staff Present: Joe Passalacqua., Andrea Bryne, Angelina Salazar, JVA-Cooper Best

Public Attendees: John Lichenegger, Chris Pike, Dave Schultz, Paolo Narduzzi. Zoom: Adrienne Rowberry, and Brian Causer-Catania,

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

Michael E. Smith sworn into office

**Cooper Best from JVA-** updated the board on outstanding issues yet to be resolved at the Railyard. JVA is currently revising a letter for response to provide an update to the Board and to the Railyard Development. The letter comes after JVA received a video on jetting and cleaning that did not show any solutions regarding the sagging pipes that were brought to attention in previous meetings. The deficiencies still outstanding are: pipe sagging, pipe - joint separation, and pipe joints not properly seated. JVA has been in contact with Chris Keller and has mentioned over seating of pipes.

**Railyard-** John Lichenegger spoke on behalf of the Railyard project and introduced Chris Pike and Dave Schultz. The 3 of them are partners in a 26 unit apartment located in the planned next stage of the Railyard. John brought a mandrel test that he purchased to "test" his sewer lines. JVA stated that the mandrel test was never a required test for the pipes. John said he has sent as builts, pressure tests, stamped as builts, and videos to the office and to JVA and also the former contractor Bill Simons. They requested that the moratorium be lifted as they have paid for taps and need to begin construction.

**JVA-** Mandrel test is primarily used for testing for deflection. The test does not resolve the remaining deficiencies including pipe sagging in 3 sections as indicated nor the pipe joints that aren't seated properly. Coopers letter being drafted will show all resolved items by Railyard and will identify the remaining problems; primarily the pipe sagging in 3 areas. The pipe west of 24 has been accepted by the District. Chris Pike can work with the pipe manufacturer to have them sign off on them to appease JVA's concerns. When joints are not properly installed pipes are prone to ground water protrusion. These unacceptable pipe conditions have been identified by JVA to the Railyard since March 2022

Cooper spoke about the planned dump station with the updated traffic study from CDOT and presented the board with an opinion of probable cost. Cdot will require the district to remove the existing driveway and relocate it to the shared Dutch Henry Hill entrance.

Chair Berger asked Cooper if there may be any grants or funding sources that would help move this project along.

Roto milled asphalt was mentioned as a cost saving measure. Mr Fattor asked if there is a chance that the state may say you can't use existing dump while new one is being constructed. JVA is still working on a model for additional lines to be added into the collection system. Advertising for the new WWTP will be started in the near future.

WHS Surveying has been locating all manholes in the system and has 25 existing manholes to be located averaging 10 manholes a day. Joe P. has been helping when available and helped retrofit a makeshift hydro excavator with the systems pump trailer.

Collection System maintenance schedule, carry over from previous discussion stemming from customers video showing roots in main lines. Joe P. was reminded to order a root destroyer for the sewer duck truck.

**Joe P.** asked about Paddocks.

Joe P. stated that he was with Kent Majors and Mike for a majority of the pressure testing at the Railyard when all the pipe passed but none of the manholes. He reminded the board that anyone testing pipes in the system must inform the District that testing is taking place. Joe P. can test manholes and mentioned manholes needed grouting and some troughs were too small when installed.

Board is requested to look at the handbook and will follow up in future work session.

Minutes from Regular Meeting July 20, 2023 were moved to be approved by Board Member Vigil, seconded by Board Member Smith. All in Favor

Bills and Payroll were moved to be paid by Board Member Vigil and seconded by Chair Berger. All in Favor

**Joe Fattor-** The drafted waterline easement for CJK used the best description available as the line is plastic and is hard to locate.

The Mill site approval process has been postponed by the state due to a request by CJK. State will consider all oppositions that were made on behalf of the community. Mr. Fattor says the local group against the project could approach the BOCC and ask them to consider rezoning the area.

Narduzzi contractor performed an unauthorized connection to the Sanitation System and the County will not issue a Certificate of Occupancy until the matter is resolved with the District. An executive session was scheduled for August 17th at 5pm.

**Narduzzi-** Manhole that was originally placed on lots was moved to gain proper separation with water lines. Adrienne Rowberry introduced herself on Zoom as Narduzzis legal representation. Joe will reach out via letter.

Chair Berger asked about plans that were submitted that don't show the manhole moved in the street and utility easement and now requires new engineering. Rob Doss was mentioned as someone having a lining product for the manhole. JVA has a plan for the old manhole before it was moved to its current location.

**Brian Causer- Catania** (on zoom) denied all access for sewer line construction with no agreements at all. Manhole was moved again before it was fully on the property. It was pointed out that Nrduzzi has low pressure lines buried diagonally on Brian's property.

JVA pointed out significant differences from approved plans and what was constructed.

Joe Fattor- District will not approve easement if on private property. Narduzzi must submit a new application and was told 6 months ago in writing.

Brian wants to protect the integrity of the sanitation system and he wants to protect his property. He was a victim of trespassing and property destruction.

JVA will work with Mr. Fattor to respond to Narduzzi in writing due to their concerns about the plans and installation.

Brian will send all photos of the unauthorized connection and adjoining pieces to Angelina.

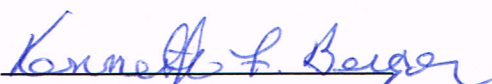
**Joe P.-**

Plant report. There is interest in current entry level positions and a potential for an A operator interested in current opening. The district needs people that can perform lab tests and that have computer skills to help in the operations of the plant and daily reporting. New lab fridge has been acquired.


Meeting moved to Adjourn by board member Vigil at 6:26 pm seconded by board member Mike Smith. All in Favor

Minutes respectfully submitted by Board Member Mudge August 22nd, 2023

Said minutes were read and approved:

  
Kenneth Berger

Attested:

  
Sterling Mudge, Board Member