

**Minutes of the Greene County Regional Sewer District
Board of Directors
October 24, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greene County Regional Sewer District was held at 8:30 a.m. on October 24, 2019, in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse. Present were Louis Massette, Allen Toon, Michael Turner, Tim Turpen, and Scott Oliphant. Also present were Mike Williams, the Board's Attorney Marvin Abshire, and Rick Coppock.

The meeting was opened by a pledge to the flag. The meeting was called to order by Louis Massette.

There was submitted for review and approval the Minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting. After review, a motion was made by Allen Toon and seconded by Michael Turner to waive the reading and approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mike Williams submitted to the Board the Operating Fund Financial Report. A motion was made by Scott Oliphant and seconded by Allen Toon to approve the Financial Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Louis Massette updated the Board on the Crane Project. It appears that Martin County will have funds from TIF revenues to start replacing the existing laterals on the Crane Project, but they first need to develop a plan. Martin County Economic Development Director Tim Kinder would like current engineering estimates to define the costs. Crane base wants to transfer the commercial sewer lines they own to the Sewer District. The Board does not believe that is advisable until testing is done to verify that Crane's system is not part of the excessive water problem. Marvin Abshire believes another letter should be sent to Todd Woods to make clear that until we have satisfactory evidence that the sewer lines are not contributing to excessive water flow from heavy rains that this Board would be unwilling to assume responsibility for those lines. There have been no tests of any kind to his knowledge that have actually been done that would provide the Board relevant information that Crane's system is not part of the problem that we see within Crane Village during heavy rains. Marvin Abshire recommended that the Board is not in an advisable position to assume those lines and that ultimately, the lines should be assumed by Crane Village. Louis Massette would like for Todd Woods and Rick Coppock to attend the next Sewer Board meeting on January 16, 2020 to discuss further how to adequately test and investigate the water flow. Rick Coppock said that testing was performed in years past before projects were done, but the findings are now outdated. The Board also agreed that they need to put together proposed changes to sewer rates.

Rick Coppock updated the Board that the Omni-Site radio alarm system on the lift stations and treatment plant monitors need to be upgraded from 3G to 4G. The current 3G system will no longer be supported in 2020. The Omni-site alarm system notifies Bynum Fanyo if any alarms go off. This system also allows IT to check the readings at the plant remotely and monitor each pump. Rick Coppock provided two options to the Board. The first option is to replace the seven radios for \$2,093.00. The second option is called the Omni Advantage Plan, an annual service plan costing \$165.00 per unit which comes out to \$1,155.00 per year for the seven units. Rick Coppock recommends that the Board choose the first option for \$2,093.00 in order to sidestep the annual cost. Currently, the Board pays \$2,148.00 every year for cell service, which will be necessary with both options. A motion was made by Tim Turpen and seconded by Allen Toon to accept the first option whereby the Board will purchase seven radio alarm systems for \$2,093.00. The motion was passed unanimously. Rick Coppock will take care of the paperwork and the installation.

The next item of business was an Indemnification Agreement presented by Marvin Abshire. The Agreement is between the Greene County Redevelopment Commission and the Greene County Regional Sewer District. The Agreement addresses the electrical service line connecting the Progress Way streetlights to the lift station. The Redevelopment Commission will assume all operating costs and indemnifies and holds harmless the District from all claims, losses, or damage resulting from a lightning strike to one or more streetlamps and transmitting lightning to the lift station causing damage or any other electrical event emanating from the streetlamps that overloads and results in damage to the lift station. A motion was made by Scott Oliphant and seconded by Michael Turner to accept the Indemnification Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign it on behalf of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item was testing on Jim Lee property. Louis Massette rented a camera and, with the assistance of an employee of Oliphant HVAC, ran the camera down both lateral lines and the cleanouts on the James Lee property. James Lee was present and was satisfied that everything was clear and not obstructed.

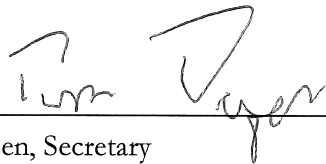
The next item of business was determining a meeting schedule for 2020. Attorney Marvin Abshire suggested rather than have quarterly meetings, that the Board schedule monthly meetings and then cancel the meeting if deemed necessary. A motion was made by Allen Toon and seconded by Michael Turner to schedule the 2020 meetings for the third Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m., but the Board will meet at least quarterly during the year if they cancel meetings. The motion was passed unanimously. The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2020.

Louis Massette has been communicating with the Bloomfield Town Clerk Sondra Thompson regarding billing issues for sewer services. The owner of the old Scotland fire station has been identified and they are now being billed as well as the new hotel. Rick Coppock mentioned a certain property owner who is hooked up to the sewer system, but is not being billed. Louis Massette will look into the matter.

Louis Massette also addressed the issues regarding a couple of properties that are not hooked up to the sewer system even though the laterals are installed. At the time of the sewer hook-up, the properties were vacant. These properties are letting the effluent discharge run illegally. Marvin Abshire stated that the usual process is for at least two neighbors to issue a complaint which will trigger an investigation by the Health Department. After discussion, a motion was made by Allen Toon and seconded by Michael Turner to have Marvin Abshire prepare a notice to the two property owners informing them that since the properties were unoccupied at the original time when the sewer line was hooking-up to residences, the Sewer Board will waive the connection fee if the property owners connect within three months from the date of the notice.

There being no further business, Louis Massette adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED this 16th day of January, 2020.



Tim Turpen, Secretary