

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 16, 2020

Present: Chairwoman Elizabeth Phelan, Commissioner Ramiro Suarez, Commissioner Sean Dunn and Council Liaison Mary Fortier

Staff Present: Superintendent Robert Longo and Sean Hennessey, Director of Sewer

Absent: Commissioner Kathy Ferrier and Commissioner Robert A. Badal

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Phelan called the meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held via Webex, Meeting Number 132 184 1319 to order at 6:00 PM.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) MOMENT OF SILENCE

Commissioner Dunn dedicated a moment of silence to all the folks who are getting hit hard in places with a second wave of Covid-19.

4) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

On motion, Commissioner Dunn and seconded, voted to approve the May 19, 2020 minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Chairwoman Phelan - Yes
 Commissioner Suarez - Yes
 Commissioner Dunn - Yes

Motion passed.

5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

6) CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

None

7) D'AMATO ASSOCIATES LLC – LAND LEASE REQUEST

Superintendent Longo gave an overview of D'Amato Associates LLC request, that was referred by City Council, to lease a portion of Lot 3-31 Battista Rd.

Superintendent Longo noted this property is on the backside of the sewer plant, which is a grass field that is not being utilized by the Sewer Department. He noted that the lease would be for ten (10) years with a clause that the Department can terminate the lease at any time if a treatment change was need. He noted the lease will bring in a revenue of \$3,300.00 a year. He noted that this portion would be graveled, catch basin will be brought to grade and no structures will be built. Superintendent Longo recommended the Board to approve in favor of the lease and refer back to City Council to negotiate terms.

On motion, Commissioner Dunn and seconded, voted to approve the request from D'Amato Associates LLC to lease a portion of Sewer Department land on Lot 3-31 Battista Road.

A discussion ensued and the motion was amended and seconded, to include: To refer to back to City Council to negotiate the terms with the assistance of Superintendent Longo.

Roll Call Vote: Chairwoman Phelan - Yes
 Commissioner Suarez - Yes
 Commissioner Dunn - Yes

Motion passed.

8) SEWER ASSESSMENT ABATEMENT – 826 BURLINGTON AVE

Superintendent Longo requested the Board consider abating property 826 Burlington Avenue Lot 14-2 assessment, interest and the lien. He explained that the lien was not renewed and legally the Department cannot collect on the assessment since it is now over 15 years.

On motion, Commissioner Dunn and seconded, voted to abate the 1974 Assessment on Lot 14-2 Burlington Avenue. To remove lien and interest that has accrued.

Roll Call Vote: Chairwoman Phelan - Yes
 Commissioner Suarez - Yes
 Commissioner Dunn - Yes

Motion passed.

9) SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Longo reported that everything is going well at the Sewer Treatment Plant. He noted at this time all the sewer inspections are being handled by the Water Section. He hopes to hire a Sewer Inspection soon. He reported at this time the financials would be moved over to the Department for October 1, 2020.

10) OLD BUSINESS

1) Clean Harbors

Superintendent noted there was a meeting schedule to discuss what actions Clean Harbors has taken, but the meeting was canceled. He noted another incident happened that reported high nitrate content that went through the plant and caused problems with the clarifier. Superintendent Longo noted that DEEP is concerned and very involved at this point. No action taken and the next meeting scheduled will be in July.

11) NEW BUSINESS

None

12) ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 PM, on motion by Commissioner Dunn and seconded, unanimously voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Rehee LaMarre

Water & Sewer Administrative Assistant