

**TOWN OF DRESDEN  
SEWER COMMITTEES  
AUGUST 2023  
MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees:

Suzy Shad (committee, district member), Paul Ferguson (committee, board), Marc Brown (committee, board), Matt Fuller (town attorney, by phone), Patrick Keenan (committee, district member, by phone)

Roberta Raymond, Jacqueline O'Connor, Gene O'Connor, Jane Carter, Mary LaBrie, Lynn King, Margaret Stoutenburg, Christine Diekel (board, not on committee)

Meeting was held 8/28/2023 at 7:08pm, started with the pledge.

**Sewer District #1 General**

1. Committee structure - reiterate which board members and which district residents are responsible parties

*Superintendent is Bill Borden*

*The three board members are Allen Wilbur, Marc Brown, and Paul Ferguson*

*The two district members are Patrick Keenan and Suzy Shad*

2. Sewer District #1 law

*Suzy Shad: Audit is proving to be quoted out as an expensive proposition: \$8k-15k for a single year's audit is the first quote. For one district. This is not a sustainable annual expense.*

*Matt Fuller: While it is part of the adopted local law for District #1, there is no state statutory requirement for it. A new sewer law that would replace the current SD#1 law and cover SD#2 would not require such an expenditure. Replacing the current law would be an improvement for the district and would meet current needs and not contradict current state law.*

3. Sewer jam ups – six times in the year

*Suzy Shad: As previously mentioned, the grinder pumps by "Cedar View" house have been repaired six times at least this year, due to "flushable" wipe usage. The repairman travels from Schenectady (George LaPlante). Current repairman is used because he has a track record of actually showing up to do the work – which can be very challenging with other companies, per the sewer superintendent. Unfortunately, George LaPlante has a very high cost due to his travel fee. Alternatives must be explored.*

*Matt Fuller: Perhaps see if Kevin Gorman (spelling?) from Washington County or Chris Miller (spelling?) of Glens Falls might be able to step in for less cost*

#### 4. Easements

*Suzy Shad: Paul and I looked for easements that might be necessary to review for the burial of the sewer pipes or work on the systems, Marci Wilbur is going to copy the easements found and they'll be dropped off to the town attorney's office by Suzy*

*Matt Fuller: Three easement instruments were found in County Clerk's office*

#### 5. Update from Paul on insurance

*Paul Ferguson: insurance has not been secured for either district yet.*

#### 6. Paul update – cash fund balance for SD#1

*Paul Ferguson: data not available tonight*

*Suzy Shad: This data is needed; we also need to ensure the user list is updated for both districts. Currently more bills are being sent out than there are users (for example, a user with multiple parcels but only one structure is receiving multiple bills instead of a single bill; in accounting this would lead one to assume there will be more income than will be received in reality). A review of district maps and user lists is necessary.*

*Paul Ferguson: Will contact the county and secure the lists and will get the district maps that are currently on file with the county.*

### **Sewer District #1 Engineering Study**

1. Contract is approved – KPI should possibly be starting this in about two weeks

*Suzy Shad: Engineering Study is being funded by the state's Engineering Planning Grant (\$30k) and the Lake George Association is covering the required match from the town (\$6k).*

*Paul: Funds from the LGA have been received and are deposited.*

*Patrick Keenan: Will reach out to the LGA (Randy Rath) to see if they have any reporting requirements in terms of invoices/receipts/etc*

### **Sewer District #1 Sewer Line Burial Project**

1. Paul update on his discussion with Community Bank- Financing. Rates, repayment timeline, annual cost to a single household

*Paul Ferguson: no new information*

2. LaBella is working on updated proposal

*Waiting on proposal for LaBella for construction and administration. There will be a public hearing, a bond resolution, bid out period.. the engineering report prior to the public hearing will have cost to the ratepayers spelled out.*

*This upcoming process escalates the need for having an updated sewer user list.*

## **Sewer District #2 General**

### **SD #2 Law**

*Matt Fuller: Even if the draft of SD#2 law was adopted by the town, it would have had to have been filed with NYS within 10 days of adoption – this was not done. So at this point the draft from 2002/2003 (any time period, really) is irrelevant. A new law needs to be adopted. Target is end of year for new law to be in place.*

Finances – original loan amount?

*Paul Ferguson: I still don't have this information, loan is held by M&T bank, will circle back on that*

Meeting ended at 8:07pm