

## TOWN OF DRESDEN SEWER DISTRICT #1 COMMITTEE June 2025 MEETING

*Meeting note: The call-in number is (605) 313-5692 and 7857820 is the access code.*

Attendees: Allen Wilbur, Charlie Tall, Suzy Shad, Patrick Keenan, Marc Brown, Bill Borden, Marilyn Borden, George Kapusinski\*, Patricia Portela, James Corby, Patrick Smith, Kevin Davidow, Mary LaBrie, Marci Wilbur, Kathy Jablonski, Mary Ann Hollander, Jane Carter, Rick Carter (\*phone attendees)

Meeting began at 6:01pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Sewer General

\*\*\*Headline news: Sewer Superintendent Bill Borden will be retiring on Labor Day this year after 28 years of dedicated service! Both the districts are grateful of his tireless service and care.

Sunday, Bill Borden, Patrick Keenan, and Suzy Shad went around SD#1 to capture duties that he is performing.

The intent is to hire a qualified operator as soon as possible, ideally to be able to apprentice under Bill for at least a week before Bill leaves.

Bill has supplied Suzy with a contact list of phone numbers for DEC, lab testing, repairs, etc.

The committee is working to gather a comprehensive job description and is actively looking for the next Sewer Superintendent.

Charlie Tall(CT) is working with County to make sure we're getting this correct from all angles.

At the moment there is no local residence requirement for the job description – Committee is aware of the importance of call-out times.

CT had a potential candidate in Fort Ann with certificates, but there may be scheduling conflicts with that lead.

**Action items: job descriptions (Charlie), duties (Bill/Suzy/Patrick), equipment list (Bill), new shed (cost between both districts), hire operator (Board), apprentice (Bill)**

1. Sewer update – Bill Borden reports on 5/31 there was a grease event at Cedar View pump station. He spent six hours working on clearing the pump station (which serves 60 houses). The high level float was trapped by grease. The Committee sent out a reminder email to the HLPOCA email distribution list to remind folks that they cannot discharge cooking grease or other materials into the system. Bill & Patrick suspect that this occurred over the last few weeks, as the pump station has been frequently entirely drained in the past few years.
2. Expenses - District #1 has one backup pump, new, delivered after Memorial Day in stock. SD#2 has two backup pumps that are refurbished that have been delivered back to SD#2; one pump is still down with GL LaPlante being refurbished for SD#2. The bills from this month are from GL LaPlante for the new pump and the refurbished pumps.
3. Succession Plan – see asterisked section at top of minutes.
4. Sewer Lateral Application
  - a. No uses yet.
  - b. The new process has been in place for a few months at this point.
  - c. We will use the local homeowners associations mailing lists to send out a briefer on the new sewer lateral application process – Superintendent Bill Borden is the first stop on the application process in HLSD#1 & HLSD#2.

Action items: Suzy to revisit the process docs and simplify + call out first step of process.  
Suzy to ask Code Enforcement if they could put in a line in their application for SD#1+SD#2 to specifically call out that they need a special application for lateral work  
SD#2 needs to look in to a construction project that built a hot tub over Fairy Brook (Sarah & Josh's old house).

5. Monitoring wells & piezometers

- a. LGPC has generously funded the design and installation of eight monitoring wells across SD#1 and SD#2 – a project over \$10,000. They have also stepped up to fund the first round of testing – testing to be done with Darrin Fresh Water Institute and Lake George WWTP. Bill says Pace water testing (which we do as a requirement of our SPDES permit) takes about three weeks to turn around the results, so we anticipate a similar turnaround time for our testing. Tuesday 6/10 Suzy will be with the LGPC as they evacuate the wells of the construction water and take the first round of sampling.

Sewer District #1 Engineering Study

1. Final draft of EPG. The final draft is still with the State. The comment period is not brief.
2. As soon as it comes back from the State it will be published.

Sewer District #1 Sewer Line Burial Project

1. 90% drawings – still awaiting the 100% - there were inconsistencies in wording/instructions regarding the concrete abutments. Residents would like the abutments left in to prevent erosion – one option might be to cut the abutments flush to grade.
2. Updated cost is \$214,000 – this exceeds the bond resolution that was passed last year which funded the project to \$200k.
  - a. Currently the Lake George Association has committed \$20,000 to our project.
  - b. LGPC has proposed a three way split in financing the project – LGPC, LGA and District each take a third (\$72,000) of the cost of the project. It would be a good opportunity for all to come together and work together to protect the lake by taking on this risk mitigation project.
  - c. The district thanks LGPC and LGA for their long time financial and engineering support. SD#1 encourages residents who are members of the LGA to reach out to them and let them know that you appreciate the \$20k commitment to our sewer district and that you support a three way split.  
**Action item: Patrick to circle back with LaBella about the concrete footings.**
  - d. Permit – LaBella is taking care of that
3. Permitting status
  - a. No update
4. Funding pathways
  - a. See #2 above

Additional topic - Construction project on Elm Tree Way / Schultz Garage

Current understanding is that the concrete pad will move towards the road (north) about ten feet. The end result will be that the pad is not obscuring the force main and will not be connected to the force main. It was suggested that the sewer law be reviewed to see if there are

minimum distances from the infrastructure that are required. Pipe is about 4 or 5 feet below grade. The pipe will be inspected after the pad is removed to ensure it is not compromised.

Additional topic – flow meters

Flow meters at the **pump stations**: this would give us more accurate flow measurement to report to the DEC in our Discharge Monitoring Reports. As it is, flow is calculated by recording pump run times and then multiplying out with the rated pump efficiency in gallons per minute. This *calculated* flow is not perfect – as pumps age, their efficiency wanes, and they pump less per minute. There is the possibility that we are *over reporting* the flow. This could be a nearer project.

Flow meters at **individual homes** would enable us to have flow measurement at the household level in the event the District were interested in changing how sewer billing is done. It would enable proportional billing. This would be a *future* project.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm

\*\*\*\*NOTE: The June Town Board meeting immediately followed the Sewer Meeting – please review those meeting minutes for additional sewer information.