

## 20250811 TOWN OF DRESDEN SEWER COMMITTEES August 2025 MEETING MINUTES

*Attendees: Suzy Shad, Allen Wilbur, Bill Borden, Charlie Tall, Don Gellenthien, Mary LaBrie, Kathy Fox Gable, Patrick Keenan (via phone)*

### Sewer General

1. Updated law
  - a. Charlie Tall: A draft is made, it will cover both present sewer districts and any future districts that may need to be formed. It has been partially reviewed by the town attorney. There would be a single sewer committee, no more than two Town Board members, and district representatives (2 each from each district). Timeline for implementation: public hearing, then adoption of the new local law by the Town Board. It would replace the current law.  
**\*Committee to keep this on agenda to keep it in sight to be completed**
  - b. Suzy Shad: There is no local law in place for sewer district #2. It was never filed with the secretary of state. Current law is available on town website for SD#1
2. Succession Plan
  - a. Candidates, job description?
    - i. Suzy Shad: job description is completed, the position will be open on 9/1 (Bill Borden's last day is 8/31).
    - ii. Charlie Tall: We should post on website as soon as possible as an opening
      1. **\*Suzy to send job description to George Kapusinski webmaster, start cross-posting to social media once up**
      2. We are replacing a position, not creating a new one, could go more than one way with hiring. Could hire part time, or contractor/1099 (higher hourly rate but self-supplied benefits).
      3. Hope to get a candidate interest pool – the head of the county sewer system *would* have done it, he works for more than one sewer system, but we are too far away
      4. Bill has given the committee a testing plan two-pager and has put a bunch of paperwork in the footlocker
  - b. Storage requirements from DEC
    - i. Quotes for sheds. Allen Wilbur: called around to get quotes for 10x12 shed with two doors on gable end, couple windows to let day light in, criteria that everything be matching building materials (standard size, standard material). We don't want a metal shed as it'll collapse in the wintertime. Quotes (setup and delivery included):
      1. Garden Time: \$6432
      2. \$5897
      3. Backyard Outfitters \$4309
      4. Premiere \$3706
      5. Johnny's Sheds (amish built shed) \$3195**\*\*Allen to find out if gravel is included in that setup and delivery**
    - ii. Location of shed

1. Patrick Keenan: Along the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway in the woods where we had the original storage wood closet. That's also where Bill does his sampling. It's the last manhole where everything discharges into the leach field. Trees would need to be pruned or removed in order to allow the shed to be placed. Survey would be important to ensure shed is located on golf course property and not adjacent private homeowner. It would be ideal to place this before September. Patrick to look at map from George Kapusinski.
  - a. **\*Shed footprint to be staked out by Bill and Suzy on Wednesday at 10am**
2. Bill Borden: That area needs to be cleared of trees and vegetation to allow access to the tanks
  - a. Suzy Shad and Bill Borden and Danielle Baldwin from DEC had the annual inspection. Danielle could only see 2-3 manhole covers. This area is called out to be cleaned up.
  - b. Charlie Tall: If clearing is under \$2500 under the classification of "services", we just need to be confident that the price is reasonable. This is under maintenance of the sewer system (similar to hiring Doran pumping to empty a tank).
  - c. **\*Suzy to call around to get Duane Bennett, Tony Moore, Scott Brown for quotes to clear the land**
  - d. Town has preapproved shed and generator by resolution
3. Sewer update
  - a. any maintenance or issues, items to be aware of
    - i. No issues reported by Bill for both districts
  - b. Flow meters
    - i. Suzy Shad: The EPG study suggests the installation of flow meters
    - ii. Bill Borden: George LaPlante says they can't put flow meters in the Cedar View tank because there are two inflow pipes.
    - iii. **\*Need to continue researching flow meters at the outfalls for accurate DMR reporting** (currently it's calculated by pump run time). It's not *required* at this time but we need to be continually improving – per Charlie Tall the ideal is to utilize a broader grant in the future for big upgrade instead of making piecemeal improvements.
4. Expenses – anything atypical
5. Sewer Lateral Application
  - a. any applications
  - b. process docs
6. Monitoring Wells
  - a. Suzy Shad: 8 total installed, 10 feet deep, some of the wells are completely dry. The other wells had about half a liter of water in them. Suzy was with the LGPC when they flushed the wells. Initial look at the water from the ground was that it was the color of hot chocolate (very concentrated sediment), and had no smell. 80 gallons of water was flushed through each well, and the water ended up the color of a medium tea. No tests have been completed – the first pull of water from the wells was contaminated with PVC shavings and heavy dirt from the installation process and

those test samples were thrown out. The flushing process was not particularly efficient – as 80 gallons of water went IN, far less than that came out (the earth absorbed it).

- b. \*Suzy to contact Endyne/LGPC for what next steps are for testing this season schedule

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

1. Suzy, Tom Bates, and Dan Alt at EFC had a phone call conference today; all that's required by the SPDES permit is an estimation of flow. Bates suggested a new manhole with a flow meter on the force main (ultrasonic). The phone call today went over the outstanding items. Bottom line is that the Engineering Study is *not in its final form yet*; the engineering firm, LaBella, is still answering questions from the state about the study.
2. Comments list is actually shortening, so we are making progress
3. The study has an extended due date.

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

1. \$80k from the Lake George Park Commission, \$40k from the Lake George Association – THANK YOU TO THESE TWO GROUPS!!
2. \*\*Charlie Tall to contact LaBella to put it out to bid, in communication with Town Attorney and the engineering firm (LaBella)

### **Sewer Districts, Other**

No new sewer lateral applications filed yet.

1. SD#2 – is there work being done without proper permitting? Charlie Tall asks about a deck extension. If work is being done without a system, please contact a Town Board member or the Supervisor

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### **Long term planning**

- SCADA system for SD#1 – system notifies multiple people when there is an alarm or fault in the system
- Explore flow meters at lateral outflows to measure individual residential use for proportional billing
- Explore joining New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA) as a support resource
  - Free technical help, education, training
  - The NYRWA is around \$200 for membership annually, it's a scaled amount based on how big the system is, Suzy will get in contact with them about it. Bill thinks this is a good idea.