

## TOWN OF DRESDEN SEWER COMMITTEES

### September 8, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

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

Attendees that signed in: Allen Wilbur, Suzy Shad, Marilyn Borden, Don Gellenthien, Pat Portela, Mary LaBrie, Kathy Jablonski, Dee Willett, Maureen Kelly, Margaret Stoutenberg, Lynn King, Rick Carter, Charlie Tall, Marc Brown, Christine Diekel, Patrick Keenan

#### **Sewer General**

##### **1. New Sewer Operator**

Dillon Priest is our new Sewer Operator, he also works at the Granville WWTP as a licensed sewer operator. His phone number for emergencies is: 518-260-0977

**\*Suzy to send out email to SD#1 and SD#2 residents with the new contact information**

##### **a. Things to purchase**

##### **i. Buffer solution w an expiration date**

**\*Suzy to clarify who will buy this**

##### **ii. Plaques for the lift stations with new contact information**

**\*Suzy to follow up on the order of these plaques**

##### **2. Field/Infrastructure**

##### **a. Shed placement and delivery – SD#1 & SD#2**

##### **i. Shed is necessary to keep emergency generator, chemicals, testing equipment, log books, spare parts, etc. This is a DEC requirement that it be on site.**

**ii. Patrick Keenan is the main point of contact for shed placement, he has been talking with George Kapusinski about placement; so far no go on first fairway and 8<sup>th</sup> fairway and place by the old chlorination shed. Just south of the intersection of CR-6 and Bluff Head Road, across from Pickells, appears to be the most amenable spot – it's on golf course property which is leased by the HLPOCA, PK to talk with Pickells about the placement, it's not finalized. The fire department will be worked with to ensure we're not blocking their access.**

**\*Patrick Keenan will follow-up on this**

##### **b. Brush clearing along tank manholes – SD#1**

**i. Suzy has requested quotes for removing trees/brush along the first fairway where several manholes are obscured; the trees & brush removed would ONLY be along these manholes/subsurface tanks to protect the infrastructure. Sewer easement allows for maintenance/upkeep of manholes. The tree removal/brush clearing will be out of the sewer district #1 budget. Brush/trees can't be cleared out entirely until Verizon line is re-hung.**

**\*Suzy to follow up with quotes and return to committee**

**ii. Verizon has been contacted more than once about the line**

**\*Suzy to follow up with VZ about this**

##### **c. Pumping out the newly exposed manholes – SD#1**

- i. After Verizon line is restrung and the trees/brush are cleared, more manholes will be exposed in the Outfall #1 area. Last time it was pumped out was 6/16/2023. 19,500 gallons removed (cost \$6,435). Two tanks emptied.  
**\* Suzy Shad will coordinate with DP on Doran pumping date after Verizon line is restrung and brush/trees are cleared**
  - d. Restructuring sewer rates – SD#1
    - i. October sewer meeting on 10/13 is going to have this the main topic on Columbus Day; tonight's meeting does not have enough time to do a deep dive in to how reapportionment would be fair
    - ii. Flow meters on outbound sewer lines require continuous flow to be accurate, so this is not feasible (plus it's ~\$4k for this per house)
    - iii. An alternative would be to have a meter on the inbound water line – the water meters cannot freeze. Need someone to manage reading meters, dealing with broken meters, and dealing with billing continually.
    - iv. Alternative to that is the EDU method, which will be discussed more at the **10/13 meeting at 5pm at the Town Hall**
- 3. Updated law SD#1 and SD#2
  - a. A new law won't be passed until there is a due notice public hearing, a vote of the Town Board. Charlie Tall and Matt Fuller are working on the new law. This will be picked up after October. Town website and newspaper will have the notice hearings. Old wording and new wording will be presented together so people can see clearly what has changed
  - b. A stopgap measure between now and the time a new complete law is passed, to allow for the sewer systems to be maintained by an LLC instead of an individual, likely will be passed *in October* by the Town Board
  - c. Another stopgap measure to reduce the number of town board members on the sewer committee may be brought up at a Town Board meeting. Likely to be passed in October by the Town Board. This would reduce the town board members from 3 to 2.
  - d. Having a baseline single law to cover all districts, and future districts, would be simplest – there would be provisions in the law to allow for the individual features and necessities of each sewer district (for example, in SD#2 there are pumps at each individual residence instead of the lift stations that exist in SD#1). Exploring having two separate laws will be done also.  
**\*Charlie Tall is main point of contact for the law items**
  - e. Citizen's Advisory Board for SD#2 could be created, this will be explored at the Town Board level – the suggestion is to create an ad-hoc committee. Tom Conrad, Mary LaBrie, Don Gellenthein are the interested parties for this. Town Supervisor suggests to work off the SD#2 law that was never filed with the secretary of state as a starting point. Figuring out what the excess capacity is for SD#2 would be another research point – start with SPDES permit and the engineering report from the creation of SD#2. Danielle Baldwin is the DEC POC for SD#2 for Region 5.  
**\*Suzy to forward whatever information she has on SD#2 to TC, ML, and DG.**
- 4. Sewer Lateral Application SD#1 and SD#2

- a. No new applications, just a tear-down and rebuild that has a permit underway  
**\*Suzy to send out email ONLY on the sewer lateral application process to SD#1 and SD#2 – basis is if construction impacts the ground enough that it could hit the sewerlines then the application is needed**
- 5. Monitoring Wells SD#1 and SD#2
  - a. Four monitoring wells are along the SD#2 leach field, and four are along the outfall #1 of SD#1
  - b. In a holding pattern right now with the monitoring wells – the LGPC installed them and we're waiting on them for next moves.

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

- 1. Next set of responses from our engineering firm, LaBella, to answer the State will be coming to us soon, by 9/23

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

- 1. Bids – pre-bid meeting is on 9/23 at 11am with LaBella for interested parties. Bids close on 10/1. The bid notice is published in the newspaper
- 2. One of the property owners would like to meet with the engineer before work proceeds –  
**\*Suzy to follow up with the Portelas**

Next meeting:

SD#1 Sewer Board meeting, Rate Restructuring Discussion, 10/13 at 5pm

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#### **Long term planning**

- Explore joining New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA) as a support resource
    - Free technical help
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