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TOWN OF DRESDEN

Hulett's Landing Sewer District #1 Committee Meeting
January 12, 2025 6pm Meeting Agenda – Dresden Town Hall

Attendees: George Kapusinski*, Patrick Keenan*, Larry Nash*, Margaret Stoutenberg*, Mary LaBrie*, Rick and Jane Carter*, Allen Wilbur, Marc Brown, Paul Ferguson, Suzy Shad, Duane and Barbara Semcken, Jared and Darren Eggleston, MaryBeth Aiken Hadeku, Christine Diekel, Marilyn Borden, Don Gellenthien (* indicates call-in)

Sewer General

1. Sewer Superintendent Dillon Priest Contract –

Suzy Shad (SHS): still outstanding. Mondays would be best to have a meeting with Dillon. Currently he is month to month, \$15k annually covering both districts. Contract needs to be filled in (compensation area) and sent to Dillon prior to the meeting so he has time to review. SD#2 should be involved in the contract. Marilyn Borden said last superintendent was billed \$20/hr for his work in SD#2. \$25-\$27/hr is the statewide average plus benefits according to NY Rural Water Association (NYRWA). Average salary \$52k for licensed plant operator. Scope of work is different for SD#1 and SD#2 – SD#1 has weekly testing, SD#2 at current does not.

Allen Wilbur (AW): Will reach out to adjacent/nearby sewer superintendents to get comparable compensation. Will find out if there's a difference in compensation for after hours call-outs. AW will also reach out to Dillon and town attorney Matt Fuller.

Action items:

Committee SD#1 and SD#2 needs to finish draft (add compensation!) to the contract and send to Dillon Priest for review

Allen: contact Ticonderoga/Putnam/nearby sewer areas for compensation information, reach out to town atty and sewer superintendent

2. Field/Infrastructure

a. Generator –

SHS: Generator is delivered. The generator is with Dillon, he's figuring it out at his house (adding oil, gas, all that). Generator is to fulfill the emergency operations requirements of the districts (SD#1 and SD#2).

Action item:

Suzy: will reach out to Dillon about emergency operations plan

b. Brush clearing along tank manholes – Verizon line restraining, National Grid new pole, Temporary Work Authorization documents, and rebidding project

c. VZ won't work until NG has placed new pole; Pumping out the newly exposed manholes – will be done by Doran once the brush is cleared under superintendent guidance & and his request (in compliance with DEC)

Action item:

Suzy: will reach out to Verizon/National Grid again, will utilize town letterhead with Paul Ferguson

Paul: will sign letter for NG/VZ when drafted

3. Updated law

2026 project

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Action item:

SD #1 committee & SD#2 committee needs to come up with list/descriptions of unique aspects of their district in regards to billing/operations so law can capture that

4. Sewer maintenance update – any maintenance/issues to report
No major incidents have happened lately
5. Expenses – anything atypical
None other than the generator
6. National Grid Bills – meter at Albert & CR 6

Action items:

Marilyn Borden will follow-up on this, **Suzy** will get meter number

7. Sewer Lateral Applications – anything impacting SD#1
None
8. Sewer District #1 BUDGET CODES, need to review against the Comptroller's ARM document

Action items:

Paul Ferguson needs update budget with the codes from the Glens Falls Comptroller; will get with **Suzy**

9. Bring in (free) consultant from NYRWA to look in to system improvements & aid in budgeting/billing. Committee will meet with Steve in February.

Action items:

SD#1 on 2/9 at 5:30pm will meet with the NYRWA – two main topics, sentry system (or alternatives? Which companies to reach out to? Funding?) and billing (flow meters, EDUs, some other method?). **Suzy** to contact NYRWA and ensure they're up to speed with system functionality, and costs, see if they can do a walkaround prior to the meeting.

Sewer District #1 Engineering Study

1. Study is with the state – last follow-up?
2. The EPG Program Agreement expires on 4/11/2026 and would need to be renewed prior to expiration if the commenting process is not concluded by that date.

No action items, just waiting.

Sewer District #1 Sewer Line Burial Project

1. Project update – construction phase is over, bond is outstanding. Site cleanup will be in spring. Rick and Jane Carter report there are heavy tire tracks to clean-up and fill-in.

Action items: **Paul** reports he has an appointment with Jeff and Green County Bank on Wednesday 1/14/26 at noon to sign the bond paperwork.

Parking lot items

- Monitoring wells – resume program in spring 2026 with LGPC, ground water should be replenished. Baseline sample, peak sample, fall sample. Monitoring wells cover BOTH districts.
- Sentry system for pumping stations – ideally would be factored in next budgeting cycle/ Estimate from George LaPlante about adding cell notification to pump stations. Should get quotes beyond GLP.

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- Law overhaul to replace SD#1 standalone law and implement an umbrella law to cover all sewer districts within Dresden; Overarching law to cover both districts, allows for uniqueness of both districts
- Proportional billing / flow meters for SD#1 – topic is continually open for public comment. All ideas are considered. Find contact information for your elected officials at the town website!!

Adjourned at 6:45pm