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TOWN OF DRESDEN

Hulett's Landing Sewer District #1 Committee Meeting

March 9, 2026 6:00pm Meeting Notes – Dresden Town Hall

Attendees: Allen Wilbur, Suzy Shad*, Charlie Tall*, Margaret Stoutenberg*, Larry Nash*, Duane and Barbara Semcken*, Patrick Keenan*

Sewer General

1. Sewer Superintendent Contract & job description

Unfortunately we start the meeting tonight with the announcement that our current sewer superintendent will be leaving his post on April 2nd.

He gave notice to the Town Board and sewer committee on March 2nd.

His stated reason for leaving is that he has two other job commitments to fulfill and that he didn't want to leave us stranded in the summer when things are busier.

We are very grateful to Dillon for his time in service to Huletts, getting us through the Foster Brook pipe burial project and through the winter.

The Town can choose to hire an individual or an LLC. That decision shapes whether we post a job vacancy in the paper or an RFQ in the paper.

Please let anyone you know who might be interested to submit a resume to the sewer committee.

Attached to the agenda is the job description that the LLC or individual needs to fulfill. There is no requirement from the DEC that the applicant have a license, but there are definitely benefits to the district if the applicant has a license.

Work for sewer district #1 is at \$15,000 a year, approximately 3 hours week of work, and an hour a month to file reports with the DEC. Sewer District #2 work is currently hourly.

Other work is to be on-call for sewer emergencies and to enforce the sewer law.

2. Sewer maintenance update – any maintenance/issues to report

Dillon reports that the frozen pipe from February is back to normal.

There are no issues currently with the system.

3. Expenses – anything atypical

An invoice from LaBella for the Foster Brook pipe project came in:

“Our construction team was auditing their 2025 projects and found that we had included 20-hours of inspection time under an incorrect project number. I reviewed our records and confirmed this was the case. As a result, we have prepared the attached invoice, which brings our billings up to date. All costs are within the contract budget and this does not represent any additional costs. The contractor will be returning in the spring to do final restoration, seed and mulch, and close out the project.”

It's \$905.

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4. National Grid Bills – meter at Albert & CR 6

No update from Marilyn

5. Sewer Lateral Applications – anything impacting SD#1

None

6. Sewer District #1 budget codes

This one is delayed until we have a new town supervisor

Sewer District #1 Engineering Study

1. **Project update** - it's published
2. **Discussion item from George K**

Question from George:

From page 15 of the report - Subsurface Disposal System,

"Similarly, preliminary design flows for Outfalls 002 and 003 as discussed in the 1990 Adirondack Report exceed the permitted capacity of each outfall. Note that due to lack of metering, actual flow data to Outfalls 002 and 003 does not exist. The current subsurface disposal systems were constructed in 1995 and have been in service about 30-years. Our inspection found no visible breakouts, sinkholes or apparent issues. Previous SPDES Inspection reports, including the most recent March 17, 2025 Report (included in Appendix G), report no violations visible at the subsurface disposal systems. Based on our inspection and the available information, the useful service life of the subsurface disposals is estimated to be around 40-years, which is a remaining service life of around 10-years. **With this relatively short remaining life and the flows near or at the SPDES permitted flows, replacement and possible expansion will be needed.**"

Could this be placed on March agenda for discussion? I read this as Outfalls 002 & 003 are already over capacity. Is this what they are saying?

As it's understood by the committee, we are not over capacity.

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Sewer District #1 Sewer Line Burial Project

1. Project update

Cleanup will be in the late spring.

Parking lot items

- Pump-outs of each outfall will occur in the spring after the snowcover is gone
- Monitoring wells – resume program in spring 2026
- Sentry system for pumping stations – ideally would be factored in next budgeting cycle/
Estimate from LaPlante about adding cell notification to pump stations
- 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.

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Discussion item, Superintendent job description:

TOWN OF DRESDEN SEWER DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

The Sewer Superintendent shall be responsible for the maintenance and inspection of Huletts Landing Sewer Districts 1 & 2, as well as enforcement of the Town of Dresden Sewer District law.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The work involves responsibility for the efficient and effective operation and maintenance of a Publicly Operated Sewage System (Sewer Districts 1 & 2) located in Huletts Landing. The components include gravity sewer piping, laterals, force mains, grinder pump stations and four outfalls. The incumbent will also perform basic maintenance and repair of the systems and equipment and perform semi-skilled plumbing and other maintenance work in connection with the maintenance and extension of the sewer system. The work is performed without regular supervision with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. General direction is received from the appointing authority, but wide leeway is allowed for planning work methods and dealing with emergency conditions. The superintendent performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Daily inspection of sewer system components and to ensure continued operation.

Perform necessary repairs and maintenance to pumps, valves, motors, and related sewer system equipment and the sewer infrastructure including but not limited to all sewer lines, pumps, valves, home connections and similar infrastructure.

Starts and stops pumps, motors, air compressors and related machinery and equipment.

Make minor repairs to pumps and other equipment.

Records readings from meters and gauges.

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Take samples of effluent for testing and brings to testing lab.

Perform testing as required by DEC permit using best practices.

Makes necessary tests for system pumps.

Responds to District emergencies at all times.

Meet with the Department of Environmental Conservation for inspection of sewer districts as needed, maintains system to DEC standards.

Coordinate with vendor to pump out sewage storage tanks when needed.

Work with Town staff to submit monthly Discharge monitoring reports to NYSDEC.

Supervises the work of subcontractors when needed.

Keeps a log of sewer system operations and related records.

Will be required to work on sewer system.

Ensure that any users of the system comply with the laws of the sewer district and take necessary enforcement steps as required by the Town sewer law, when required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the practices used, and the equipment required in the operation and maintenance of a Sewer Treatment System. Applicant to have working knowledge of the principles and applications of physics, chemistry and bacteriology as applied to sewage treatment and disposal.

Skill in the operation and repair of pumps, valves and related mechanical and electrical equipment.

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Ability to read, understand and record data from gauges, scales and meters.

Ability to analyze and organize data and prepare records and reports.

Ability to make routine field tests for control of plant operation.

Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.

Mechanical aptitude; Alertness and dependability.

Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or possession of a New York State equivalency diploma or higher and two (2) years of experience in the operation of general construction and maintenance equipment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

TBD.