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TOWN OF DRESDEN

Hulett's Landing Sewer District #1 Committee Meeting

August 10, 2026 5:30pm Meeting Minutes

Attendees: John Nephew, Allen Wilbur, Suzy Shad, Patrick Keenan, Margaret Stoutenberg, Lynn King, Mary LaBrie, Larry Nash,

Sewer General

1. Sewer committee composition
 - a. After the turnover due to resignations earlier this year, the committee at this point is Allen Wilbur and Suzy Shad for the town board component and Patrick Keenan and John Nephew for the town resident component of the committee. As always, we need and value the input of the community throughout the year.
2. Sewer Superintendent RFQ job advertisement
 - a. The joint Request for Proposal is going to be published in more than one newspaper in order to reach as many possible candidates as possible.
Dillon resigned earlier this year and has been generously continuing his position until his replacement is hired. His replacement needs to be competent in managing the sewer district, filing the DMRs, and testing per the DEC requirements.
The current proposed compensation for SD#1 (\$15k a year) is being reconsidered. Geographic proximity is important for this role. Some municipalities have had vacancies for years.
 - b. **** Follow up item : **Committee** to explore what compensation could be possible with current sewer rates
**** **Allen** to follow up with Ticonderoga sewer district/Gershaw's to see about compensation and who is currently working on their district.
3. Sewer maintenance update – any maintenance/issues to report
 - a. There was a problem with the SD#1 system during the July 4th weekend – this was due to wipes being put into the system that are not compatible with the system – NO WIPES ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE SYSTEM. Lysol wipes, baby wipes, flushable wipes, any other type of wipe – none are compatible with the system. Cedar View pump station was down to a single pump, this required a massive pumpout.
 - b. This issue at Cedar View was repeated during the recent power outage and went down to one pump.
 - c. SD#1 tank along the first fairway was pumped out earlier this year.
 - d. After the recent power outage, the pump station at the lower Boland house has needed to be pumped out – it's a 500 gallon tank. The electrical of the pump station needs to be reworked so it is tied in to the town power supply instead of the nearby residential power supply. Patrick reports that the electrical issue has happened once before several years ago. Ryan Newell from Whitehall is a contact for an electrician for this. Electrical inspection must be by a different electrician than the one who does the work.
 - e. It is critical that homeowners reach out to their tenants and convey to them the importance of not flushing incompatible materials in to the system. Homeowners should also communicate to their tenants when the system is having a problem – like when the 7/4 issue required district folks to reduce their water usage.

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- f. Dillon used the “sludge judge” measuring tool on the outfall behind the casino and found the sludge to be at a good level (just a few inches). A sludge judge is a 15 foot giant tube that has one-foot measurement increments on it that allows a user to see how deep the sludge is in the settlement tanks.
 - i. ****Allen** to call Ryan Newell about electric
 - ii. ****Suzy** to create a contact list for everyone on SD#1, fill in emails and phone numbers to match the parcel #s - might be able to blast a mass text out when there is an issue or expediently sent out a targeted email
 - iii. ****Suzy** to create a letter to send out to homeowners on town letterhead to post in homes about what’s appropriate and what’s not for the system and how it’s their responsibility to pass info on to their renters or guests
 - iv. *****Committee** to follow up on long term electrical fix for the Boland pump station
- 4. Expenses – anything atypical
 - a. *****Committee** to get updated financials for district, not available tonight as Suzy didn’t get access to bank account yet
 - b. Pump outs due to pump failures at the Myers station (Cedar View, 12k gallons) and due to power issues at the Boland station (500 gallons per) Generally 42 cents a gallon for pumpout
 - c. Suzy submitted the sludge judge invoice for reimbursement
 - d. *****Patrick** will research and order the trailer for the generator, and submit the invoice for reimbursement
- 5. Sewer Lateral Applications – anything impacting SD#1
 - a. None that we know of right now
- 6. Sewer District #1 budget codes – it’s budget season so this will be addressed
*****Suzy and Allen** to follow up during budget process

Sewer District #1 Engineering Study

- 1. Extension from the State for final invoices
 - a. ***** Committee** to follow up with town atty to see if invoices are available to submit to EFC

Sewer District #1 Sewer Line Burial Project

- 1. Completed, contractors are paid, project is cleaned up.
- 2. \$50k was taken out in loans, repayment is \$6,409.36 a year. 4.79% rate, issued 1/16/2026, over ten years, first payment due next year --- ******committee** will verify all of this information with supervisor!!!

GENERALLY – FYI –

Folks should be doing what they can to conserve their water usage. It’s perhaps not intuitive because we’re in a lakeside community and there’s water everywhere, but the impact of folks putting in low flow toilets, low flow showerheads, turning off the water when they’re brushing their teeth, taking shorter showers, these things add up to benefit our community sewer system by reducing the GALLONS PER DAY that we are creating. We are only permitted “so many” gallons to discharge into the system each day.

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Additionally switching to septic safe toilet paper like Scotts for RVs or “Who Gives a Crap” toilet paper would be less of a burden on our system.

Also – NO WIPES EVER!!!

Parking lot items

- Monitoring wells – will resume with LGPC, committee to circle back with them
- District shed will be stained a darker color when we have the capacity (looking for volunteers!)
- 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
- Budget codes for SD#1 should be reviewed against Comptroller’s ARM manual
- Proportional billing / flow meters for SD#1– topic is continually open for public comment. All ideas are considered.