

## TOWN OF DRESDEN SEWER COMMITTEES JANUARY 2024 MEETING MINUTES

1/22/24, 7pm – 9:14pm, Dresden Town Hall

Marc Brown (Town of Dresden Board member & committee member)

Paul Ferguson (Town Supervisor & committee member)

Allen Wilbur (Town of Dresden Board member & committee member)

Suzy Shad (district #1 committee member)

Patrick Keenan (district #1 committee member), via phone

Bill Borden (sewer superintendent for both districts)

Matt Fuller (Town of Dresden attorney)

Marilyn Borden (in the capacity of a resident)

Jane Carter

Rick Carter

George Kapusinski, via phone

### Notation in regard to the October 2023 Minutes

1/19/2024 Email from George Kapusinski to the Sewer Committee: “ ... it was noted in the October minutes (October minutes - Sewer District #1 (first page) General - Bullet #1) that the Casino & the Post Office pay no sewer tax. That is incorrect. Both the Post Office and Casino, as benefit units in Sewer District #1, have paid all capital charges they were taxed ... Those two buildings pay no annual user charge (operations and maintenance) because that was negotiated by the town in the easement for the drain fields for District #1. We would like to see this corrected in any finalized minutes going forward. “

*The parcels being referenced are:*

- i. Parcel 23.20-1-1.5 “Post Office” 962 County Route 6
- ii. Parcel 26.8-3-5 “Casino” 4009 Eichler Way – parcel bounds include west/south side of golf course and building referred to as “Garden View” – it was noted during the meeting that Garden View pays O&M each year, and would pay capital charge.

### Sewer District #1 Engineering Study

1. Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) – report is still with LaBella. It will be made public when it is finalized and will be shared with EFC and with LGA (the two groups who funded the study).
  - a. **ACTION ITEM:** Patrick Keenan to follow up with Tom Bates at LaBella to understand status of report.
2. Invoices, Receipts – accounting for grant. Remaining balance. Full accounting will be made.
  - a. LGA match was \$6k. Initial EFC disbursement was \$15k.
  - b. **ACTION ITEM:** Suzy Shad to reach out to LaBella to ask for consolidated invoices. Final payment to LaBella will occur once PER is finalized.
  - c. **ACTION ITEM:** Paul Ferguson to calculate remaining balance between KPI charges and LaBella charges; remainder of funds may possibly be applied towards expenditures directly relating to the grant, as approved by EFC (for example, legal fees). Paul to ensure all receipts and invoices are consolidated to present to EFC.

- i. KPI is paid in full (scoping/camera company) – we have the invoice and payment voucher.
- 3. Next steps
  - a. Will be brought forth with the PER

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

1. Steps towards a public hearing – this is the next part of the process. A memo will be created by Matt Fuller to outline lawful process.
  - a. Interim contingency plan for the force mains is suggested by Rick Carter - Heat the lines to enable them to function during winter
    - i. Doesn't mitigate risk of either line being abrupted or cracked by debris/trees
    - ii. Currently tank behind Carter house is being pumped frequently during winter – invoice from 1/11/24 is \$375, 12/28/23 invoice is \$325
    - iii. Worth exploring if the sewer burial process is delayed
2. Next steps in process
  - a. **ACTION ITEM**: Paul and Suzy to ensure the parcel list is correct. Suzy to ask Marci Wilbur (town clerk) for parcel list that she has.

### **Sewer Districts General**

1. Bill Borden: Sewer District #1 does not file DMRs (discharge monitoring reports) from November 1-May 1<sup>st</sup>. Most recent DMRs were within specified parameters. System is inspected daily.
2. Petition has been received from two parcels that are physically connected to Fredericks Point SD #2 to remove them from SD#1 bounds and add them to FP#2 bounds ("Gorman" and "Benvenuto" parcels). Remaining steps will be pursued by Town to ensure the parcels are legally accounted for in the proper district – next step is a public hearing for the modification of the districts.
  - a. **ACTION ITEM FOR BOARD**: A date for this hearing will be set at the next Town Board Meeting. The hearing itself can be done at the March Town Board meeting.
3. Sewer district taxes for 2024
  - a. Sewer District #1 - \$800
  - b. Fredericks Point SD #2 - \$500 (they also receive a separate capital charge on the Town and County tax bill)
  - c. **ACTION ITEM**: Paul to calculate capital reserve target for SD#1.
4. Insurance – NYMIR/Northern Insuring ---
  - a. SD #1 and SD#2 are now insured!!
  - b. **ACTION ITEM**: Paul to get costs broken out for SD#1 and SD#2 to add to budget and to get details on the coverage
5. Sewer update – any maintenance or issues, items to be aware of
  - a. A garage foundation has been constructed on top of Sewer District #1 infrastructure and currently has a vertical pipe attached to the sewer main. Property owners will be contacted by committee and steps towards remediation pursued. See Sewer Use Law, as published on <http://townofdresdenny.com/documents.html> under the "Local Laws & Ordinances" section.
6. Building permits in SD#1 or SD#2 -

- a. Town Supervisor will not sign these building permits until Bill Borden reviews projects**
- 7. Comments/suggestions from George Kapusinski: A comparison can be made from the 1989 list of houses served to the properties being served today to see change/expansion of bedrooms/bathrooms – trend is increase in house size and seasonal use. There should be two independent boards for the two sewer districts. The EDU assignments could be revisited.