

Plainfield Water/WasteWater Commission
DRAFT Special Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2024

Present In Zoom Session: Josh Pitts, Mary Lane, Tristan Macgregor-Stewart, Tim Phillips, Jane Bradley, Michael Zahner

3:00 Meeting called to order

Review/approve agenda

Agenda approved

Discuss Ongoing series flood related issues

Tristan wanted to discuss issues related to repairing damage from the recent flooding.

The sewer line to 50 Mill Street is a problem with the sewage pump. The sewer main is filling with water before the pump kicks on to drain it. This is causing a back-flowing into the 50 Mill Street piping. Normally the system doesn't have anything to do with privately owned lines, but in this case the impact to the private system is being caused by the sewage pump. Tristan suggested the homeowner pay for a plumber to do some internal modifications and the system pay for an excavator to adjust the external piping to try to fix things for them.

Mary noted the list of connections that are expected to go away due to the loss of buildings downtown. Josh said he'd had a positive conversation with the bond bank about reserve funds and the capability to be solvent this year. He is not worried about this year...it is the following years that are worrying as the number of connections decreases.

Mary was concerned about not setting a broad precedent for the system fixing issues with private connections.

Josh made a motion that due to unusual circumstances that the system cover the work described by Tristan for this singular instance at 50 Mill Street.

The Commission voted in favor of Josh's motion.

Tristan is trying to come up with a more permanent solution for the water line crossing at Mill and across the Rec field to the plant and the pump moving sewage across the river on Mill Street. The pump has already had to be swapped out once. Tristan would like to get the lines back under the river before winter if possible. The sewer pump is a rental and it may be cheaper to bury the line quickly anyway vs paying for the rental/overtime to baby a cranky pump. There is another option to create a small building to cover a collection point to run the sewage into that could be insulated and heated so the sewage doesn't freeze. This would be cheaper short term but more expensive long-term as the reburying of the lines would still have to be done.. Tristan's preference is to rebury things before winter if possible and just fix the problems outright...not defer the repairs.

Josh feels there is funding available to support this work.

On August 16th, Josh calculated that about \$122,000 had been spent on flood repair work to date.

Tristan said a rough figure for burying the lines is \$100,00-\$150,00 and the contractor is working to firm up the estimate

Jane Bradley thanked everybody who had gotten the water/wastewater services to her property restored. She is interested in understanding how the more permanent repairs will be made.

Other business

None

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17th, 2024 at 5:15PM as a ZOOM session.

The meeting adjourned 3:35PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips