

SWLMCD SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES 12/2/2021

The Special meeting was called to order by Chairman John Crist at 11:05 a.m. A quorum was present as required under Indiana Statute.

In attendance as follows: John Crist, Tom Fujimura, and Jackie Smith in person. Via zoom were Jim Purucker, John Stimson, Hollie Schultz, and Rick George.

Chairman Crist opened the meeting by announcing who was present in both venues. He included Kathy Clark as also being present in her professional capacity.

Request to join District: A homeowner was instructed by the Marshall County Health Department that they would need to ask if the District would accept them before the County could issue a new permit for a larger septic system to accommodate a major home addition. Crist explained that the Town's attorney had made recent comments that the Town may be ready to renegotiate a new contract with the District if we needed to add anyone else.

Clark explained a couple of the differences between the South-West sewer system and the newer East Shore sewer system, one being that East Shore uses much more of the Town's sewer system lines than SW does. The East Shore contract has a higher administrative fee and a higher per gallon rate as well. She believes that SW should expect their rate paid to the town, both the administrative fee and the rate per gallon fee, to increase in some capacity.

George asked what the incremental cost would be, and after discussion it was agreed that what the District pays to the Town might double from what it is today. Any increase that might come due to requesting this new addition, would also have to consider legal costs to expand the boundary area. Purucker added that if the property passes the perk test, their preference to join may change. He hopes the Town would allow us a pass as to the changes in our agreement if the reason was put on the District as a mandatory one. The concern of building in some expected future growth, in the form of requesting more units be made available, like bringing in the entire West Shore Circle area due to expected septic failure. Dealing with items like these at the time of negotiation was also a point made by Purucker.

The decision was made to let the homeowner get their perk test and wait and see. A motion was made by George to give permission to proceed with the perk test, and unless it fails, we will not enforce the need for them to join the District. Fujimura second the motion. All ayes. Those on the phone voted as follows: Purucker, George, Schultz, and Stimson voted aye. All present also voted aye.

The claims register was presented by Kathy for the period of 10/22/21 through 11/30/21 for the amount of \$14,102.85. Stimson made a motion to approve the register. George asked about the USIC amount that he felt was over the norm, Clark explained that it was due to the repaving of the road as every home has a ticket pulled for locates when that happens. George also asked about the \$4,000.00 Krohn bill. Clark explained that she felt it was due to the training being done right now for someone to take over for Oshry. Clark stated that it came in and she paid it after questioning the amount. George and Crist don't want to pay for two people to attend the meeting. Clark reminded the Board that Crist and she asked for both to come. George then made a motion to accept the claims registers with the stipulation that an adjustment will be made on the Krohn bill. Stimson seconded that motion.

Clark then asked about the new billing system and if anyone had any issues. One Board member said she got a late fee for no reason. Purucker wanted to know about what generated the late fees. Schultz felt it was due to the change over from the old billing system to the new system. Clark thought it was due to problems with the ACH fee pulling. Clark stated that she hopes the system will be straightened out with the December billing and she will follow up on all the issues. Clark asked for permission to waive any late fees she feels are inappropriate. Purucker confirmed that she had permission to do that.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Minutes drafted by Kathy Clark, Manager and Acting Secretary to the Board

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