

Antrim Water and Sewer Commissioners Meeting

Minutes December 4, 2023

Present: Superintendent- Matt Miller, Commissioners- Melissa Lombard, Peter Beblowski, Sam Harding.

Meeting location Sewer Plant 17:30 hrs.

- 1.) Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.
- 2.) Well House Water Project. Matt brought the rest of the group up to date on the construction progress at the well pump house site, The project work site is partially cleared of trees and stumps. In addition, EARTH has begun moving soil around; there are promises of concrete foundations being poured within the next week or two. We are still awaiting Governor and council approval of the rail easement request.
- 3.) Matt reviewed the budgeting for the upcoming year 2024. Matt provided three potential budget options for 2024, one listed as a (status Quo)two man budget, a 2-1/2 man budget (part third employee) and the third listed as a three man budget (full time third man). Matt indicated that much of the two man budget remained flat with cost of living increase was considered at 3%, health insurances increased, fuel budget increases. The three man budget included a third full time employee with supporting truck. And the compromise with an additional part time employee shared with the highway department. Matt supported his request for additional manpower. Including the requirement for licensed week end plant staffing and additional staffing to complete some of the W&S departments on going system maintenance and exercising programs. The commission reviewed and considered the request for hiring an additional employee. After much discussion, with consideration to current budget constraints, the AWS Commission agreed that if the Antrim Board of Selectman approved the hiring of an (shared) highway/water& sewer employee to be split 50/50 during the work year between the two departments. The commission hoped that the additional staffing would address the requirement for year round licensed staffing for all DES requirements in particular plant weekend testing. The commission also suggested that the department "delay" hold off and not purchase a third work vehicle until it becomes clear how well this part time employee will work out. Proposed budget for 2024 were voted on and approved by the commission.
- 4.) Matt mentioned a Grease/Fat sewer main/pump station problem both in the Antrim/Bennington sewer system(s). Matt indicated that he would look into establishing a program after he spoke with the State DES for guidance. The commission supported the action.
- 5.) Matt and Melissa discussed working on the upcoming January warrant article for the Lead Treatment/Solar Plant.

Next meeting January 8, 2023 5:30pm (17:30hrs.)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm 19:35 hrs.

Sam Harding recording secretary