

MINUTES

WINFIELD SANITARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

April 6, 2023
5:00 p.m.

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. the meeting of the Winfield Sanitary Board was called to order by Mayor Randy Barrett, at Winfield City Hall, 12248 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia.

ATTENDANCE

Those attending: Rod Burns, member; Clarence Litton, member (phone); Randy Barrett, Mayor; Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Secretary; Billy Harper, Plant Manager

Others present: Tim Lafon and Mike Del Giudice, City Lawyers; Jack Ramsey, Engineer; Council Members-Ryan Powers, Dana Campbell, Kevin Karnes; Dave Mattocks, Recorder

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MINUTES

Hearing no comments, the minutes of March 2, 2023, regular meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL

Bill Approval. The bills paid for the month of March in the amount of \$93,363.07; hearing no comments the bills pass as presented.

Income/Expense. The financial statement for the month of March; hearing no comments, the financial statement passes as presented.

Adjustments. The adjustments for the month of March in the amount of \$613.06; hearing no questions the adjustments pass as presented.

REPORTS

Staff report.

Lightning Strike. Surge arrestors put in for each panel, but it has been discovered that two (headworks and UV building) continue to have spikes. The UV building is blowing balance cards bringing us down to three. No one can tell us the root cause of the problem; Eaton has quoted \$10,917 for a Harmonic's Study for the electric coming into the plant. The study would be for two weeks, the plant would need to be completely shut down during install.

Sludge is going back to Raleigh. We have requested that DEP give us a minimum requirement to store sludge on the farm until a large enough quantity is on hand and can be spread at one time.

Planter's Road Manhole. There was a 6" problem line that was 8" lower than main line it was dumping into; we moved an outbuilding and Benchmark installed a 100' pipe.

Chairman report.

Stormwater. Benchmark has fixed the holes at Courtyard. Sinkholes at Riverdale are due to 34-37 bad joints. There is a new technology that takes 10-12" piece of rubber that is used as a portlier to seal the joints. Benchmark will start on Monday; the cost will be approximately \$70,000 to be paid from ARPA funds. Fire Dept has helped with moving gravel and the town of Hurricane sent a truck to help suck out the water.

Pole Barn. Patriot Buildings started yesterday, and we have talked to the USDA and established a payment schedule.

Sanitary Budget. Our accountant is working on the Sanitary Budget and has suggested that we look at a rate increase over the next couple of years. A copy of the budget will be emailed to the Sanitary Board and Council when it is complete.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Infrastructure Projects utilizing the American Rescue Plan relief funds. Original vote of Council and Sanitary Board was to pay Precision Pump for the last panel that will cost approximately \$20,000 from ARPA. Mayor Barrett has suggested that we consider paying that from Sewer R&R since we have had so many emergency projects pop up that will need to be paid for from ARPA.

Possibilities of spending Contingency Fund. See update above in the chairman report. Building payment schedule has been established with the USDA totaling \$164,500. After the building is complete, insulation should cost between \$20-25,000, and we should have enough left to cover electric, heat, and gas.

Lightning Strike Solution Plan. Rod Burns made the motion to pay the Summit Electric bill in the amount of \$25,750 for the surge protectors from Sewer R&R. Clarence Litton made the motion to pay for the Eaton Harmonic's Study in the amount of \$10,917 from Sewer R&R.

NEW BUSINESS

Chapman Engineering Lawsuit. Tim Lafon reported that the City of Winfield vs Chapman should be notifying witnesses April 27-28th, litigation will be scheduled for May 2nd, 4th, or 10th. The essence of the lawsuit says that Chapman did not tact down the 1st interest rate, costing the city approximately \$3Million, the city also had to pay additional engineering fees in the amount of \$300,000-400,000. Clarence Litton made the motion that Mayor Randy Barrett go to negotiation with Chapman on May 2nd and Randy Barrett will have the authority to negotiate in good faith for the Winfield Sanitary Board with no stipulations.

Benchmark Invoices. Clarence Litton made the motion to pay the Benchmark bill in the amount of \$23,125 from Sewer R&R.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Laura Cox is looking into grants for stormwater.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Clarence Litton to adjourn at 5:51 p.m.

Randy L. Barrett, Chairman

Nikki Phillips, Secretary