

**Shorewood Park Sanitary District *\*approved\****

**Board Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

**Attendees:** Rich Storck (Board Member), Sue Means (Board Member), Matthew Anderson (Board Member), Paul Slesar (Board Member), Dean Findell (Board Member), Tina Heidelberger, Margie McCall, and Terry Jones

R. Storck called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Roll call followed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by P. Slesar, second by M. Anderson to approve the July minutes with the proposed changes by P. Slesar and S. Means. Motion carried.

**Wastewater Operator Update:**

- Terry was in attendance and presented updates. Overall things are going well, and things have been quiet.
- Flow rates from past month: 18,890 gallons/day high and 7,830 gallons/day low.
- Terry reported that the duckweed problem is looking better, he is using a product recommended by the MPCA. Weeds have been treated by Rasmussen, so that was also looking good at the ponds.
- R. Storck discussed obtaining a bid on replacing the discharge culvert on ditch #8 and the manhole cover in the lower circle.
- There was discussion about the potential replacement of the control panels/valves of our current equipment as it is quite outdated. R. Storck inquired if there are possible rebates available to the district for these upgrades/replacements. Terry estimated the cost to be around \$25,000.

**Chairman of the Board Update:**

- Plowing Update: no updates with the plowing proposal, Nessel township is meeting tonight at the same time. Joe Heidelberger is attending that meeting and will provide any updates. We are hopeful that we will be receiving a response to the proposal that R. Storck has provided.
- Expansion updates-Pete Stauber was on site today to tour the ponds and take some pictures. Letters have been sent out to the residents in the expansion, so far the votes are 8 in favor, 2 against.

**Approval of Bills:**

- LJJ Wastewater-\$1700.00 (monthly service charge)
- Rasmussen Services- \$322.13 (July mowing)
- Tina Heidelberger-\$162.00 (reimbursement for printer ink)

Motion made by D. Findell, seconded by P. Slesar to approve bills as presented. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:**

- Investment account updates: no new updates/statement since our last meeting
- Current checking account balance is \$65,287.41.
- Copies of updated budget and YTD expenses were distributed. One change was made to move the money paid to Dennis Wood of \$500 to licensing vs engineering costs.
- Discussed the need for Althoff and Associates to provide our accounting services or not, we will discuss at a future meeting but something for board members to think about as we move forward. Tina will provide copies of the quarterly reports that they provide at our next meeting.

**Old Business**

- Channel update: No changes since our meeting 2 weeks ago. Tony from Waterways and Craig Wills from the DNR were on site on Monday and toured the channels as the DNR needed some more information as this dredging machine/technique is new to the state. Permits have been updated; we just need to submit them for approval.
- Expansion update: D. Findell sent the email about a straw vote on residents' attitude towards the expansion. We will give residents until 8/14 and then reach out to the residents who have not responded by that point.

- Road repairs: P. Slesar requested a bid from 2 other companies, Diversified came in very close to the bid from Premier. North Oaks was almost double what the other 2 companies had bid on. R. Storck is requesting a more detailed bid of what service will be provided by Diversified before a final decision is made.
- Nessel Township/Plowing: This was addressed by R. Storck in the Chairman update.
- Website update: No new updates. Residents are using the website to provide feedback on the expansion as well as ideas for the Shorewood sign.
- Shorewood Sign: We will table this for a future meeting, we are starting to receive feedback from residents on how they would like to handle this situation.
- Mowing: We will be adding this to the agenda for our budget meeting to address at that time. R. Storck thanked the residents in the neighborhood who cleaned up the trees/brush that was down in the parks and got it cleaned up quickly-THANK YOU!! We love seeing our neighborhood being so well cared for.
- Shorewood Night Out: Sue reported that we had a great turnout, around 40 residents. It was great to see everyone visiting enjoying the weather and meeting new faces. Chisago County had 2 deputies attend and pass out some items for kids, which was also a great addition to the evening. We will work on plans for next year in the spring! One item suggested for next year was to provide nametags.

### **New Business**

- Budget Meeting-meeting is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the 2024 budget. P. Slesar has discussed some of the bylaws that require us to post the approved budget in the local paper, date that it should be completed, etc. There was much discussion about the fact that our bylaws are extremely outdated and how they have not been followed for the past 20+ years and how we can update these in the future to better reflect the current needs of our board and residents. Discussion was brought up about making motions to make changes to current bylaws and possibly seeking legal council on what we are required to do as a special district. We will discuss further at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> budget meeting/working meeting.

Motion made by M. Anderson, seconded by P. Slesar at 8:04pm.

Submitted by T. Heidelberger, Secretary/Clerk

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