

# Bloomfield Township Sewage Authority

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April 16, 2024

The April monthly meeting of the Bloomfield Township Sewage Authority was called to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Those in attendance were:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS: Rich Chavlovich, Damon Higby, Randy Keister, and Dave Edwards

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Karen Brozell

PLANT OPERATORS: Chris Byerley and Justen Anderson

SOLICITOR: N/A

VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Bidwell, Allison Nowakowski

## **BUSINESS MEETING:**

Motion to approve the March 19, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Damon Higby, seconded by Randy Keister. With all members present voting yes, motion carried.

## **MONTHLY BILLS:**

Motion to approve the monthly bills from March 20, 2024 through April 16, 2024 having a total of 22,622.72 was made by Dave Edwards, seconded by Damon Higby. With all members present voting yes, motion carried.

## **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report from March 20, 2024 through April 16, 2024 was made by Damon Higby, seconded by Randy Keister. With all members present voting yes, motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. & Mrs. Bidwell requested a new tap-in at 36144 Hemlock Street West. Mr. Bidwell stated that he would have Harm Miller dig the road to the depth of 10 feet to the mainline with instructions from the Authority Operators. At this time, Bidwell's are only requesting the installation of a tee on the mainline and a 6" view port, which will be capped until construction is complete. They will contact the Operators when they are ready to proceed.

Ms. Nowakowski requested an explanation of the collection process regarding delinquent accounts. Mr. Chavlovich stated that there are three options: (1) pay amount owed including interest and attorney fees, (2) enter into a payment agreement via our legal contract with instructions herein, or (3) do nothing and legal proceedings will commence involving the sheriff's office to collect personal property in lieu of monies owed.

## **TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS REPORT:**

The Board was presented with a monthly operators report and a summary regarding the meeting with HRG pertaining to a new alarm system by Chris Byerley and Justen Anderson.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Damon Higby, seconded by Randy Keister approving the request for a new tap-in by the Bidwell's. With all members present voting yes, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Rules and Regulations / Amendment: still awaiting legal advice, currently tabled.

Pump station #5 propane tank location: Solicitor Wachter responded to Connor's Attorney stating that the location of the tank is on Authority's property and this issue is considered closed. If Connor's attorney can provide laws/regulations to the contrary, the situation will be revisited. Solicitor Wachter proposed the Authority *may* entertain placing bollards at the tank location however that would mean the Connor's would need to relocate their gate/fence which is currently located on the Authority's property.

Pump station #1 insurance claim: initial payment of \$29,539.00 has been received and the balance of \$5,301 (less our \$500 deductible) will be issued when repairs are completed.

Pump station #8 generator: installation is complete, and unit is up and running. Invoice will be paid immediately to submit for reimbursement from Crawford County – Act 13 grant.

Motion to increase the insurance deductibles from \$500 per occurrence to \$2,500 was made by Dave Edwards, seconded by Damon Higby. With all members present voting yes, motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM was made by Damon Higby, seconded by Randy Keister. With all members present voting yes, motion carried.

The next meeting of the Bloomfield Township Sewage Authority will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Bloomfield Township social hall.

Karen Brozell, Secretary