

**Minutes for the regular joint meeting of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District and the Board of Directors of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Tuesday March 11 2025 held remotely through Zoom video conferencing.**

**Call to order:** Raymond Turri called the meeting to order on Tuesday March 11 2025 at 3:00 P.M.

**Attendance:** Board members attending- Raymond Turri, James Mersfelder, Alfred Shull, Jerry Abrahams, David Hazan, alternate Norval Lunan and Superintendent Mark Theriault

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting and a Special meeting without notice on February 15, 2025. Alfred Shull made one correction the word “except” in paragraph about Eastern Water Solutions should be “accept”. Motion to approve subject to making the change by Jerry Abrams seconded by David Hazan. Approved.

Raymond Turri made a motion to move item 6 to 9 on the agenda, no discussion all approved.

**Report from Plant Superintendent:**

- We had a couple of snow/ice storms to deal with. The sander needed a new cab controller. Mike picked it up at Universal Welding in Watertown and did the repair here in the shop.
- The roadway to the plant needed to be repaired, there were a lot of washouts and potholes from winter. Billy repaired the holes and raked out the roadway with the tractor and York rake. The road is in much better condition now.
- Mark talked to Eastern and pump 2 at station 6 has been rebuilt and will be returned sometime next week.
- Eastern was at the plant with their vendors to look at replacing the sludge press. We are waiting for quotes on a new one to come in.
- The new digester tanks are being built and should be here in the next three to four weeks. The tanks will be delivered here and staged on site for preparation to be installed.
- Flows: The average daily flow for February was 76,000gpd and the rainfall was 3.1in. The average daily flow to date is 116,000gpd and the rainfall to date is 2.1in.

**Monthly Financial Report:** James Mersfelder reported we are about \$90,000 under budget in operating expenses. The electric bill is less than expected by about \$30,000. Also because of the new Sludge Tank replacement it looks like we will end year with only \$98,000 in the bank, cutting it close. It was recommended to put off the I&I work till later, at a cost of about \$270,000. A motion made by Raymond Turri and seconded by David Hazan to delay the I&I project for now, all agreed. We have three delinquents that are being handled by our Marshall and 51 past due that have all been sent Intent to Lien Notices.

**Old Business:** Sludge Tanks should be arriving in 3-4 weeks. Eastern will be doing the piping before they go in ground. Scheduled to go in ground in May it will take about 4 days of work to complete the job. Arrangements need to be made to hold the effluent in the local pump stations and not send it to the plant while this work is being done. Regarding the Somat replacement, we are getting bids from two more companies. A sales representative who works with five different Somat suppliers is getting additional bids. We are now waiting for bids. The first bid received was \$400,000 from other company.

**New Business:** James Mersfelder briefed the board on the about office transition to new personnel. Jerry Abrahams is getting information on a service offering and will report back at our next meeting. Jim has been in contact with Marisa Seaman that works with Litchfield Sewer District and someone that works with the WLPOA as the Office Manager to handle the payroll, paying invoices, processing non-tax income and working with our auditor. Some of the board members of the WLPOA are opposed to using her, we are working on that issue. Jim has contacted Optimum to try and upgrade our phone system. Jim is in contact with PC Wizard to see if they can take over our network management to include backups.

Laurie Mosley's' last day is Friday March 14, 2025

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Raymond Turri seconded by Dave Hazan to go into executive session. So voted. After 20 minutes the executive session was voted over.

**Adjournment:** A motion by Al Shull and second Raymond Turri, to adjourn at 3:45 pm. No discussion so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Shull, Clerk

