

LAKE WAPOGASSET & BEAR TRAP LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES—April 10, 2017

The August meeting of the LWBT Sanitary District was called to order by President Dave Erspamer at 7:00 in the District Office.

Commissioners present: Dave Erspamer, Commissioner-President; Mark Tryggestad, Commissioner-Treasurer; Commissioner-Secretary, Paul Elbing; Dennis Badman, Commissioner.

Employees present: Ken Baillargeon and Heidi Erspamer

Guests present: Scott Such and Ryan Hanson

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income for the month of March was \$23,679.48 Expenses were \$31,473.38, for a net income of negative \$7,7303.90. Heidi noted that the large expense this month was our annual insurance payment.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Maintenance

Ken (and Neil in a written summary) reported that things have been running smoothly and on schedule. Neil reported that we had Toombs come out and clean sludge from a couple of lift stations that had issues.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Office

Heidi reported that the final harvester grant payment has been received from the DNR. Also, our CLP harvesting permits have arrived. However, the DNR sent us the wrong permit for Bear Trap Lake by mistake, so Heidi has contacted Mark Sundeen to get this corrected.

As of the end of last month, we had received nearly \$10,000 in fireworks donations and checks are still coming in from lake residents. A contract has been signed with PC Pyrotechnics and a deposit made. A permit will be requested from Lincoln Township.

The commissioners were given a "homework" assignment to review our Ordinance for any updates that need to be made.

Heidi will be meeting with the web designer on Wednesday to learn how to update our webpage and Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS

Harvesting Update. Neil provided a written report on 2017 harvesting, summarized as follows: The harvester is back onsite and we will be doing upgrades and maintenance over the next couple of weeks. The new depth finder has been ordered all other equipment needs have been covered. This year we have four landing sites for off-loading our weeds, including the YMCA. We have obtained a land use permit from the county to put gravel down at the Y and Gille is scheduled to do the work this coming week. We have two sites for dumping weeds and leads on several more. There has been some interest shown in our harvester operator ad that was in the paper this week. We will likely be starting the harvesting operations earlier this year. With more landing sites and additional staff, we are anticipating greater productivity this season.

Doughterty Variance Clarification. The variance is correct as reported in the March 21st minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Permit Violation. Scott Such, 716 South Shore Drive, attended the meeting to explain why he did not obtain a building permit from the Sanitary District for his addition at 716 South Shore Drive. Mr. Such said that he left it up to his contractor, Steve Kordosky, Balsam Lake, to obtain all necessary permits. Commissioner Erspamer explained to Mr. Such that since the sewer system was put in place 40 years ago, permits have been required by the Sanitary District to ensure that construction does not take place over, or too close to, our sewer lines. It was of additional concern to the District that Diggers Hotline was not informed so all the locates could be done. It is possible that Mr. Such's new well is too close to our Force Main to comply with DNR standards. After some discussion, the board decided to not fine Mr. Such for his building permit violation, since he gave permit responsibility to his contractor. Mark made a motion, seconded by Denny, that a letter be sent by the District to Mr. Kordosky requiring him to respond within 30 days to our request for an explanation as to why he proceeded without a permit as required by our Ordinance 1-01. If he does not respond within 30 days, a \$500 fine will be levied. Motion passed.

As for the well issue, Ken will contact Martell Well drilling tomorrow to set up a time to meet and re-measure the well's distance from our line. If a violation has occurred, this would be DNR violation and not a Sanitary District one.

Conservancy. Mark brought to the board's attention that the Conservancy may wish to consider some of smaller lake quality improvement projects around our lakes, in addition to--or while we wait for--- progress to be made on some of our larger land purchase initiatives. He mentioned a runoff situation near Randy Olson's property that might be a good candidate for such a project. Dave reminded the board that Friday's Creek has been identified as the area with the greatest amount of phosphorus loading from runoff and we hope to also pursue this. It is something that Tim Ritten from the County has been working on for some time. Dave will make a follow-up phone call to Mr. Ritten for a status report.

Our next Sanitary District meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8th at 7:00 in the District office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Erspamer, Recording Secretary