

# LAKE WAPOGASSET & BEAR TRAP LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

## MEETING MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

The September 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; Paul Elbing, Commissioner-Secretary; Dennis Badman, Commissioner.

Employees present: Chad Ruff, Ken Baillargeon, and Heidi Erspamer

Guests present: Dion Brown

Minutes of the August meeting were approved. Open Meeting notice publication was acknowledged.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Heidi gave the Treasurer's report in Commissioner Tryggestad's absence. Income for the month of August was \$28,122.33. Expenses were \$48,905.98. Heidi commented that our financials look consistent compared to last year-to-date.

### **OPERATIONS REPORT: Office**

Heidi reported that Northwest Communications recently bought cable out to the District office. Should be connected soon. We are hoping to now have faster internet service. Ferrell Gas also fixed a minor gas leak in our propane tank.

### **OPERATIONS REPORT: Maintenance**

Chad reported that staff has been working on pump repair over the last couple of weeks. They will also be getting together soon with Les Mateffy to calibrate flow on Pump #1. An upcoming project will be to work on repairing the blower.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Harvester. Some work still needs to be completed on the harvester, including changing oil, before we put it into storage. We will be storing the harvester at the same place as we did last year. There will be a \$400 storage fee this time. Heidi will contact the company that did our logo for the dump truck to help us add the "SS Kurly Cutter" name on the harvester.

Gregg/Hanson Property. Les Mateffy and Al from Total Control are working on an alarm system for the "Y" sewer connection on this property. Property owners were reminded of the need for a legal agreement to be filed which absolves the Sanitary District from any liability in the event of a back-up.

Ryan Backlot Development. Copies of Cooper Engineering's suggestions to Mr. Mateffy's sewer extension plans were provided to Les. Commissioner Elbing reminded the board and staff that a Developer's Agreement needs to be submitted to the Sanitary District by Mr. Ryan.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

906 Sunrise Beach Drive Permit Violations. Dion Brown came before the board to explain why he did not obtain permits (building and plumbing) for his project on Sunrise Beach Drive. By way of background, prior to the start of his project Mr. Brown contacted the District office to inquire about our permit process. In addition, he had face-to-face conversations related to our permit requirements with two District staff members and one commissioner. His explanation for not following through with permits was that he didn't believe he needed a permit if he stayed within the foundation walls and didn't move the sewer. As was explained to Mr. Brown earlier this summer, homeowners within the District need building permits for all construction projects and plumbing permits any time they disconnect or connect to the Sanitary District Sewer System. It also came to our attention that Mr. Brown did not obtain a plumbing permit when he connected a garage bathroom to the sewer system several years back (he did have a building permit for this project).

Because we had several contacts with Mr. Brown this summer, Commissioner Erspamer took the position that Mr. Brown's conduct was intentional. A motion was made by Commissioner Erspamer and seconded by Commissioner Badman to assess Mr. Brown a \$500 permit violation fine; require that he obtain building and plumbing permits from the District; and that he cease his building project until such a time as our inspector can meet with his master plumber to review the sewer connection situation. Motion passed. Chad will make a determination whether or not the connection needs to be re-excavated for inspection.

Whispering Winds Development. Based on a phone call Heidi received at the office, it appears that there is renewed interest in this proposed development near Friday's Creek. The developer's last contact with the Sanitary District was in 2004.

Pontoon Boat Donation. The Lake Association approached us about the possibility of the District accepting a pontoon boat donation to use for water quality monitoring on our lakes. This donation to the Sanitary District would thus be tax deductible for the donor. Commissioner Erspamer made a motion to accept the donation of a pontoon boat, seconded by Commissioner Elbing. Motion passed. Heidi will work with our accountant on the process for handling this.

The next Sanitary District meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the District office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Erspamer, Recording Secretary