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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
PRINCETON SEWER COMMITTEE

March 2, 2022

The meeting of the Princeton Sewer Committee (PSC) was convened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 via Virtual Meeting/Zoom Conference. D. Goldfarb opened the meeting in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Section 5, Chapter 231, P.L. 275. In conformance with the requirements of the Law, Notice was provided of the date, time and location of this regular meeting by posting a copy of the adopted Schedule of Regular Meetings in Monument Hall and Witherspoon Building and by mailing copies to the Trenton Times, Princeton Packet, Town Topics and by filing a copy in the Office of the Clerk of Princeton. Adequate notice was provided to the public and to all parties concerned.

PRESENT: David Goldfarb, Valerie Haynes, Eve Niedergang
ALSO PRESENT: Andrew Filippi, Sewer Design Engineer; Deanna Stockton, Engineer/Deputy Administrator, Dominick Itzi, Sewer Operations Manager; Janice Most, Secretary
ABSENT: Jim Purcell, Assistant Engineer
PUBLIC:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

No amendments to the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Niedergang moved to approve the February 9, 2022 Minutes as amended. V. Haynes seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Pump Station Design and Reconstruction Update

A. Filippi stated that nine proposals were received and ranked with two or three being called for an interview. Construction will begin during the 2023 construction season.

Presentation to Mayor and Council Regarding Long Range Financial Plan

Discussion: By March 11, A. Filippi and D. Itzi will forward to D. Goldfarb information they have gathered for the presentation; graphics will show slope of projected increase and data impact on an average household over time; sewer bills are a reflection of water usage; see if there is a source of statewide averages of treating sewer waste; reasons why we have low fees compared to surrounding towns – our system is old – we now have to replace the system/pump stations/etc. to ramp up where we need to be; SBRSA was built in the 1970's with federal grants. D. Goldfarb will get surrounding town fees for comparison during presentation.

Infiltration and Inflow (I/I Program)

A. Filippi stated that Mini System 35 explanation of work letters were sent to affected property owners; Right of Entry Agreements are being returned, those not returned will be contacted; approximately 47 Agreements need to be returned before going to bid; there is information on the website about the project; a virtual community meeting was held with large turnout.

D. Goldfarb stated the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority has sent letters to downstream communities concerning nearing capacity.

E. Niedergang stated that Mayor Freda received the letter and shared it with Council; she will share the letter with the Sewer Committee prior to the next meeting.

Discussion: South Brunswick Township response to the SBRSA letter; D. Stockton will work with B. Hvozdovic on response; we are nearing 90% capacity; work on removing I/I to delay impacts; what authority SBRSA has over Members; Members are Princeton, South Brunswick, West Windsor, Hopewell Borough, and Pennington Borough; SBRSA plans to address needs of all communities and expand to meet the demands. This topic can be part of the April 11 presentation to Mayor and Council.

Method of Calculating Sewer Connection Fees

No new updates.

Discussion: Ordinance will be completed within the next few months with a new formula set for coming years.

Adjourn

At 9:32 a.m. E. Niedergang made a Motion to adjourn. V. Haynes seconded.
The Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2022 a.m. via Virtual Meeting/Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Most, Secretary
Princeton Sewer Committee

Adopted: April 6, 2022