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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
*of the*  
**PRINCETON SEWER COMMITTEE**

October 12, 2022

The meeting of the Princeton Sewer Committee (PSC) was convened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 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.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Goldfarb, Valerie Haynes, Eve Niedergang

**ALSO PRESENT:** Andrew Filippi, Sewer Design Engineer; Dominick Itzi, Sewer Operations Manager; Jim Purcell, Assistant Engineer;  
Deanna Stockton, Deputy Administrator/Engineer; Janice Most, Secretary

**ABSENT:**  
**PUBLIC:**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

**Stony Brook Regional Sewage Authority Consent Decree**

D. Goldfarb stated that the Stony Brook Regional Sewage Authority settled with the NJEPA and NJDEP and agreed to payment while not admitting liability.

Discussion: systems in place to alleviate issues in the future; violations will be associated with emergency bypass while reducing emissions, D. Goldfarb explained the process; there will not be significant financial impact on Municipal Members; D. Goldfarb will follow up with Municipal CFO regarding SBRSA Budget.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

V. Haynes moved to approve the July 6, 2022 Minutes as presented.  
D. Goldfarb seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

## **AUTUMN HILL SEWER EXTENSION**

Discussion: residents of Autumn Hill Lane will be at the October 24 Mayor and Council meeting to present their request for the sewer extension; D. Goldfarb stated that due to a prior commitment he would not be able to attend; E. Niedergang stated that the Mayor and Council Agenda can be revised to put the subject on later - D. Goldfarb stated he would be at the meeting at 8:30 p.m. A. Filippi stated that all information has been forwarded to Mayor and Council; Mayor Freda's response was very good; A. Filippi previously provided residents with design and specifications, they responded with revisions that were not acceptable - it is noted that specifications from the residents must meet Municipal criteria; if the residents use their design to build they can then act as a private Homeowners Association (HOA) which could be problematic because they would no longer receive Municipal services; there are HOA's in town that were built to Municipal specifications but owners paid and they are responsible for sewer pipes on individual properties through Agreements between the HOA's and the Municipality; what happens when public and private sewers meet; HOA sewer costs are included in their dues.

## **Trunk Line Rehabilitation Program**

D. Itzi stated that the list of consultants is narrowing.

Discussion: hire a consultant to come up with plans then a consultant to design, then construction phase which will be in 2024; inspections of maintenance holes and trunk lines to get condition assessments; the second inspection will be a tv inspection; initial phase of work will be two to three months; trunk line inspections will be by Engineering Consultant.

## **Pump Station Design and Reconstruction – Update**

Nothing new to report.

## **Infiltration and Inflow (I&I Program)**

D. Goldfarb stated that there has been a commitment by Mayor and Council to get sewer projects into the Capital Program and the Department must adhere to plans.

Discussion: these are projects for the next six years; rough project schedule for Mini System 35/36/36A trunk lines and pump stations for design/reconstruction; six year Capital Plan needs to be incorporated.

D. Stockton stated that she met with the Finance Department to discuss Sewer Department I/I requests in relation to the \$9.5M commitment.

D. Goldfarb stated the department must follow the plans through the years.

E. Niedergang stated the ten-year plan has to be concise about what work is planned and what work is completed.

Discussion: most of the pump stations' work can be under a single contract; the SCADA system has been installed and collects data.

Discussion of Specific Projects: Mini System 35 is complete, plans and specifications are under review before target bid date of October 2022; next is Mini System 36 which is similar to Mini System 35, design for 36 will be complete by middle 2023; Hamilton and Hawthorne rerouting and replacement of sewer lines will be in 2023 before PSE&G work.

Discussion: PSE&G has ambitious plans and there will be corridor improvements from Hamilton Avenue to Route 206 for the next four years; J. Purcell state the Municipality is working on work plans in conjunction with PSE&G work. For the next meeting, D. Goldfarb requested a project plan for the next six years.

Discussion (Manholes): A. Filippi stated that identification is being made of maintenance holes located in flood hazard areas to replace with higher water tight covers. D. Goldfarb stated that work was done on manholes ten years ago which decreased flow.

Discussion: structural integrity of manholes is not a concern; when water rises it comes in through pin holes; D. Itzi explained manhole seals and how they work.

### **Public Comment**

No Public Comment

### **Adjourn**

At 10:30 a.m. V. Haynes moved to adjourn. D. Goldfarb seconded.  
The Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Virtual Meeting/Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Most, Secretary  
Princeton Sewer Committee

Adopted: February 16, 2023