



## **RAYNHAM BOARD of SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

### **RAYNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

### **MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 14, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Joseph Bettencourt, Chairman, Mr. Jeff Kelleher, Commissioner and Mr. Rob Carey, Raynham Sewer Superintendent

**ABSENT:** Mr. Joseph Bickel, Commissioner

#### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Mr. Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2023*

Due to the absence of Mr. Bickel, Mr. Bettencourt tabled the approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sewer Commission Meeting Schedule for 2024

Mr. Bettencourt informed that the Commission would maintain their normal meeting schedule, which is the second Thursday of the month, adjusted when circumstances require it.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### Broadway Crossing

Mr. Bettencourt announced that there is an agreement with Broadway Crossing.

The developer was present during the last meeting and requested an agreement for them to the Board of Appeals for their first step in the approval process. Board members authorized Mr. Carey to enter into an agreement with the developer. The agreed upon fee is \$720,000 to be paid to the Sewer Department in two payments. The affordable housing units were not included in the calculation. The first payment will be made prior to the first hook up and the second payment will be when they do the next tap into the sewer line. After review of the agreement, members of the Board had no input back to the Superintendent; therefore, Mr. Bettencourt assumed that it was a unanimous agreement.

The developer met last night with the Board of Appeals and the meeting was continued.

Mr. Kelleher commended Mr. Carey on a job well done in negotiating the agreement.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*Mr. Rob Carey*

##### *Department Operations*

All Sewer Department vehicles have undergone vehicle inspections this past month with one failing due to a bad oxygen sensor. The sensor has now been replaced and the truck will be re-inspected.

Prior to the vehicle inspections both Shawn Hayden and Joe Correia rebuilt rotted frame sections and cross members on the 2011 Ranger utility body truck. This vehicle is basically used as a backup truck when one of the other trucks is down.

#### *Route 44 and South Street East pumping stations*

Flow meter calibration was performed last week. This is to certify that the flow meter is properly recording the outgoing wastewater flow to Taunton.

#### *TMLP*

Mr. Carey received a phone call this week from TMLP regarding fiber for phone service. They reached out to see if Mr. Carey might be interested in signing up. It is Mr. Carey's understanding that TMLP received a grant to provide the infrastructure for this new service. A list of the pumping stations and phone numbers were provided to TMLP who will supply Mr. Carey with more information.

#### *Sewer Office Generator*

WH Riley has installed the fuel line from the propane tank to the generator. All inspections related to the installation of the generator have now been completed and everything passed. Kraft Power has been scheduled to perform startup which will occur on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Taunton meeting*

Mr. Bettencourt and Mr. Carey will be attending a meeting with Taunton on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is to obtain project status updates related to the ongoing treatment plant and main pumping station upgrades and construction.

Another meeting scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> related to the replacement of the South Street East Old Colony Bridge crossing over the Taunton River into East Taunton. The bridge is co-owned by Taunton and Raynham. The project is in the preliminary design stage and work is not expected to begin for a few years. This is a state-run project. One project concern is that there is a force man that is running underneath the bridge.

#### *Sewer Use Billing*

Preparation has begun on the next billing cycle. Hopefully most of the kinks have been worked out related to the new billing company and these bills will go out relatively on time. One of the first bills Mr. Carey typically works on is the Burger Kings on Route 24, north and southbound sides. and the flow has almost doubled on each side.

#### *Sewer Connections*

There have been thirty-one new connections for the year plus a 12 unit building at Park Place. There is interest in the building at 52 Gatsby Drive which is a three-unit building.

#### *Rt. 44 Diesel Tank Replacement Project*

A project kickoff meeting was held on December 1<sup>st</sup> and the tank has now been ordered with an expected availability date of January 15<sup>th</sup>. One issue has come up related to the existing 50-gallon day tank inside the building. The tank may need to be replaced due to the lack of compatibility with the new system. Tighe & Bond is currently working with the contractor for a resolution to the problem, but it could possibly result in a \$32,000 Change Order.

#### *ARPA Generator Project*

Tighe & Bond continues to work on submittals with the contractor, and the review is nearly complete. Tilton Electric Incorporated should be processing the order of the generators soon. The expected lead time is 40 weeks.

#### *Mill Street culvert replacement*

The phone lines have been relocated to the newly installed utility pole.

With the recent storm on Monday, the project site had flooded due to the diverted street overtaking the temporary bypass. The contractor is now controlling the water with big pumps while they are trying to complete the pour of the southside wing walls. By Tuesday, the area was dry.

#### *Sewer Department Electrical Technician*

Last month Mr. Carey announced Brandon Daniel was leaving the Department for a position in Attleboro. The position was posted, and it drew fourteen responses. Mr. Carey reached out to five applicants who had the qualifications necessary for the position. Chris Bryant from East Taunton has experience with generators, lighting, and controls. Mr. Carey presented the Board with a copy of Mr. Bryant's application. Mr. Bryant was interviewed on December 4<sup>th</sup> and one license he did not have was his Hoist License. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Bryant contacted Mr. Carey and informed him that he signed up to take the Hoist License exam. Mr. Bryant shows great initiative and Mr. Carey was impressed with his appearance. The added benefit is that Mr. Bryant lives close to Raynham.

Mr. Carey recommendation would be to hire Chris Bryant to the Electrical Technician position.

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Kelleher and seconded by Mr. Bettencourt to accept the recommendation from Mr. Carey to hire Chris Bryant to the Electrical Technician position. Discussion: None. Vote: 2-0-0

#### **EMERGENCY BUSINESS**

Mr. Carey discussed the lien on properties for non-payment of user fees. The new billing company being used by the Town require the recording of lien reports. The Board will need to certify the liens, the Assessors will then take them and lien the properties through the Tax Collector. The total of liens is \$197,045 including tax, interest, and fees.

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Kelleher and seconded by Mr. Bettencourt to certify the lien report in the amount of \$197,045 and authorize the Assessors to proceed with the liens. Discussion: None. Vote: 2-0-0

### **COMMISSIONERS COMMENT**

Mr. Bettencourt wished all the residents of the Town of Raynham a Happy Holiday season and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Mr. Bettencourt wished Happy Birthday to Mr. Kelleher.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bettencourt asked for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Kelleher and seconded by Mr. Bettencourt to adjourn from the Raynham Sewer Commission Meeting of December 14, 2023 at 6:32 p.m. for the performance of administrative duties only. Vote: 2-0-0

*Transcribed from Recording*

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Caradonna  
Recording Secretary

### Documents provided to the Sewer Commission

Mr. Carey's Report  
Chris Bryant application  
Property Lien Report

### **Next Meeting date:**

Thursday, January 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.
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