



## **RAYNHAM BOARD of SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

### **RAYNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

### **MEETING MINUTES – March 14, 2024**

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

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

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2024*

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Kelleher to approve the Sewer Commission meeting minutes of February 8, 2024 as printed. Discussion: None. Vote: 3-0-0

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

*Mr. Rob Carey*

##### *Department Operations*

The Department has been busy rebuilding pumps this past month. Six pump rotating assemblies have been rebuilt and replaced in three pumping stations. Chris Bryant has been involved in all aspects of pump rebuilds.

Mr. Bryant tested today to obtain his Hoisting License and received word that he has passed and now has his 2A Hoisting License. He is waiting on results on the exam he took for his 1B Hoisting License.

Annual fire alarm testing will be performed at the office on Monday.

##### *Sewer Use Billing*

Everyone should have received the sewer bills for the last billing cycle, July through December 2023. The billing date was March 7, 2024 with a pay by date of April 8, 2024.

##### *Sewer Connections*

Four new sewer connections this past month.

##### *Fiscal Year 2025 Budget*

Mr. Carey is scheduled to meet with the Finance Committee on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 to discuss the FY25 budget submission.

### *Diesel Tank Replacement*

The new day tank was installed yesterday and the outside tank filled with fuel. Testing of the generator was performed with the project nearing completion.

### *Taunton – South Street East / Old Colony Bridge*

Mr. Carey attended a meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the City Hall in Taunton regarding the project. The state has taken over the project, therefore both Taunton and Raynham will need to wait for a meeting with the state to discuss the logistics of the project. Taunton obtained design plans for the project, but it is unclear if the state will be using them or their own.

### *Riverview Raynham*

The project was presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals on February 21, 2024. The Board has sent the project to consulting peer review with the meeting continued until March 27, 2024. Currently, Raynham is above the minimum housing affordability threshold of 10 percent.

### *Mill Street Culvert Replacement*

The permanent 8" sewer line installation is being constructed this week. Two manholes were installed along with the insulated c900 pipe crossing alongside the culvert. The temporary sewer line remains in place while the new line is being constructed. The new gas line will be installed starting next week.

### *Pine Street Culvert*

Mr. Carey attended a meeting regarding the culvert on Pine Street. One concern about the project is the road is one way in and one way out. Currently, the sewer main runs over the existing culvert. The new design will have the sewer main running alongside of it, similar to Mill Street.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business presented to the Board.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Carey presented to the Board a correction to the FY25 budget. Previously, the budget amount was \$3,067,942. The amount was incorrect and the corrected amount is \$3,077,942 which is an increase of 7.19% or an increase of 2.21% over the previous year's budget. No change in any budget line item. The correction is due to an addition error on the bottom line of the budget.

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Kelleher to accept the corrected Sewer Department's FY25 budget in the amount of \$3,077,942. Discussion: None. Vote: 3-0-0

## **COMMISSIONERS COMMENT**

No comments offered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bettencourt asked for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Kelleher to adjourn from the Raynham Sewer Commission Meeting of March 14, 2024 at 6:11p.m. for the performance of administrative duties only.

Vote: 3-0-0

*Transcribed from Recording*

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Caradonna  
Recording Secretary

Documents provided to the Sewer Commission

Mr. Carey's Report

**Next Meeting date:**

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