

RAYNHAM BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

RAYNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2018

PRESENT: Mr. Joe Bettencourt, Chairman; Mr. Ed Roster, commissioner; Mr. Joe Bickel, Commissioner and Mr. John McGarry, Superintendent.

CALLED TO ORDER: Mr. Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting minutes of April 12, 2018

Motion: Moved by Mr. Roster and seconded by Mr. Bettencourt to approve the meeting minutes of April 12, 2018 as printed. Discussion: none. Vote 2 – 0. Mr. Bickel abstained, as he was not a Commissioner at the time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Special board reorganizational meeting minutes of April 30, 2018

Motion: Moved by Mr. Roster and seconded by Mr. Bickel to approve the meeting minutes of April 30, 2018 as printed. Discussion: none. Vote 3 – 0.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent McGarry reported on the following topics:

1. Phase 2 sewer expansion in the Raynham Preserve has been completed by Global Construction. Several houses have been constructed and occupied in the Phase 1 section of the Preserve.
2. The National Water Main Cleaning Company will begin repairs to the Phase 2 Infiltration and inflow (I & I) study findings within two weeks. The field inspections for the Phase 3 and 4 I & I will be completed next week.
3. We still await the decision of the MA State Plumbing Board on our variance request to install 66 odor eliminators on the vent stacks in North Raynham.
4. The Sewer Department responded to an HVAC problem at Town Hall using our own HVAC technician, Brian Oldfield. We will further assist by replacing the outdated thermostats with 12 new ones to be installed by our licensed electrician, Marc Maughan.

5. Tonight the Commissioners will process the quarterly payment to Taunton for wastewater treatment for \$ 114,034.

6. Superintendent McGarry reported that he met with the Cranberry Ridge Board of Directors to inform them of the upcoming article for sewer expansion at the May 21 town meeting. McGarry also communicated with Mr. George Prue of Deniz Drive and sent letters to some residents on High Ridge Drive.

7. McGarry also reported that he met with the Raynham Conservation Commission. Our consulting engineering firm, Tighe & Bond, made the presentation for the Phase 7, Contract 1 sewer construction. The Commission issued a determination of non-applicability.

8. The Sewer Department took delivery of a new F-350 Ford utility body with equipment lift.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board set the meeting dates for the balance of the year. All meetings start at 6 PM.

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

OLD BUSINESS:

George Prue of Deniz Drive presented the Board with a citizens petition requesting sewer service on Deniz Drive, Lounsbury Drive and Hewitt Drive. These streets are programmed for Phase 7 sewer expansion, Contract # 1 in 2018.

Chairman Bettencourt commented that we will begin design of the Contract # 2 streets in July if the town meeting vote is successful.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Chairman Bettencourt announced that the position of Sewer Superintendent has been advertised for qualified internal town employees for a period of two weeks. The announcement states that applications will be accepted until Thursday, May 10 at noon.

Chairman Bettencourt went on to state that he will present the applicants to the Board for an interview and the position will be awarded by closed ballot of the Commissioners.

Terry McCormack of Center Street asked if the bidding period was open to internal town employees only. Chairman Bettencourt stated that if there were no qualified internal candidates, then the position would be advertised publically.

PUBLIC FORUM: None

PRESS TIME: None present

LATE BUSINESS:

Charles Michaud, engineer for the renovation of the Honey Baked Ham store at 1550 Route 44, appeared before the board just before adjournment. He was accompanied by Jason Yau, also known as Ming, owner of the building and applicant for a new sewer service to the building.

Ming wants to appeal the amount of the sewer bank assessment of \$ 70,350. This was based on the data presented on the plans, which showed three restaurants planned for the space and water usage of 7,035 gallons per day per MA Title 5 design standards. Mr. Michaud stated that the Title 5 standards are excessive and the sewer bank by-law which requires 5 gallons of I & I removal for each gallon of wastewater generated is also excessive.

Chairman Bettencourt stated that he will give them relief if they tell us exactly what kind of occupancy they anticipate. Ming stated that they have been marketing the location but cannot get any tenants due to the poor appearance of the building. He wants to fix up the building before he can declare his proposed tenants.

Mr. Michaud then stated that they were going to explore the possibility of installing a new septic system and not tie into the sewer service.

Commissioner Bickel stated that Raynham has a limitation on the amount of wastewater that it can send to Taunton for treatment and that the Board has to act responsibly.

Ming stated that he is willing to install the grease trap system as designed so that he can complete the site work and clean up the appearance of the property. He requested that the sewer bank assessment be deferred until he develops some tenants for the building.

It was decided that Ming would return to the Board at their December 13 meeting and the Board will determine the amount of sewer bank assessment based upon the tenant list at that time.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Mr. Roster and seconded by Mr. Bickel to adjourn from the Raynham Sewer Commission meeting of May 3, 2018 at 7:30 pm for the performance of administrative duties, signing bills and with no business to be conducted afterwards.

Discussion: none. Vote 3 – 0.