

TOWN OF SHELBY  
SANITARY DISTRICT #2 MINUTES

Approved

DATE & TIME: January 13th, 2015 at 4:30pm

LOCATION: Shelby Town Hall Meeting Room

PRESENT: Bob Mueller-Chair, Kurt Knutson, and Steve Lundsten

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Brudos/Administrator, Michelle Kind/Clerk WCMC, Jeff Fogel  
Public Works Foreman

Meeting called to order at 4:40pm by Mueller.

Discussion held regarding two separate sewer backups that occurred on Thurs. 12/18/14. Three property owners have filed claims against the District for the damages. The three properties are: Kirchner/W5897 Cedar Road, Seidel/4002 Glenhaven Drive and Hermanson/2340 Redwood Court. The three properties had sewage back up into their basements. Kirchner and Seidel appeared and provided details about the damage, costs to clean up, and the claim. Hermanson did not attend the meeting. Kirchner property is near Hagen Road, and is one event; the other two claims are connected. Discussion held with Brudos and Fogel relative to the events of the day, efforts to clean the lines, and maintenance procedures. The Kirchner clog was caused by roots and other debris that clogged a line flowing out of a manhole, causing the line to back up. The Hermanson and Siedel backups were the result of the efforts of the Town crew to clean out the line. The crew entered the wrong manhole, in an effort to clean the line, and created the backup into two homes.

There was discussion relative to the liability of the District when sewer lines become clogged. It is the District's policy not to pay for sewer backups unless negligent. The District's insurance will cover the damage to the property owner's property if the District was negligent in some fashion. The Town crew was negligent in the Hermanson and Siedel cases, however a determination will be requested by the Insurance company on the Kirchner case. A maintenance schedule was requested by Lundsten. Motion by Mueller/Knutson to forward all three claims to the District's insurance company for its determination of liability and coverage. Motion carried.

Motion by Mueller/Knutson to approve the minutes from the Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meetings. Motion Carried unanimously.

Motion by Knutson/Lundsten to approve the AP Check Register on Sewer in the amount of \$5,620.62, see attached. Motion Carried unanimously.

Motion by Knutson/Lundsten to approve the AP Check Register for Water in the amount of \$39,917.56, see attached. Motion Carried unanimously.

Discussion held on Administrators Report-see attached. Discussion held on the Sewer Contract with the City of La Crosse for sewer service and renewing the contract which expired in 2014. Brudos indicated Tim Ehler from the Town Board will assist in the discussion for a new contract. Bob Mueller from the Sanitary District will represent the District. Brudos will contact the representative from the City to discuss contract renewal meeting.

Tim Ehler from Town Board joined the meeting at 5:35pm.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Kind, Clerk