

Sewer Task Force Meeting
October 23, 2023
Hillsdale Town Hall

Attending: Augie Sena, Bud Atwood, Steve Grimm, Chris Kersten

The Task Force convened at 5:00 pm on Monday, October 23, 2023 at Hillsdale Town Hall.

A moment of silent remembrance for our friend and colleague Mike Scheller was observed.

The Minutes of the July 31, 2023 meeting were adopted as submitted.

Chris reported that the sewer budget is on schedule, and that the additional \$10,000 that was requested by Mike Scheller for cleaning of the two 30K gallon tanks has been added to the 2024 Preliminary Budget. These tanks have not been cleaned since the construction of the system. However, a modest rate increase will be necessary to cover this expense that will be voted on at the November 14 Town Board meeting. He also announced that 4th quarter billings were produced and mailed. The reporting deadline for accounts in arrears to the County is November 15th. Kathi Doolan is handling.

The search for a Sewer Operator is underway and urgent. Chris reported on his outreach efforts with several prospective candidates. An ad was placed in the Register-Star, and a display ad will appear in the Columbia Paper beginning on October 27 and will appear over the next two weeks. Chris also announced Victor Amendola's retirement effective on November 11. That position is being advertised as well. Members of the committee were urged to seek potential qualified candidates.

The Kevin Hinds Coffee Shop permit issue with the County Public Health Department was discussed. Chris stated that both Town Attorney Matt Cabral and CPL's George Schmitt are in conversation with Mike DiRuzzio of Public Health in order to seek a path forward.

Steve Grimm submitted and discussed the Inventory Report for the Sewer System. The committee is continuing to review this report in relation to future planning. The completed Inventory Report is being placed in the file for action by the next administration.

Chris thanked the committee and Steve Grimm for their many efforts that have restored fiscal solvency to the Sewer District and the ongoing maintenance of the system.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024, SUBJECT TO THE TOWN'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Kersten: 10/25/23

