

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SALT CREEK SANITARY
DISTRICT HELD AT 201 S. ROUTE 83, VILLA PARK, IL ON FEBRUARY 19, 2024.**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Trustee Taglia at 7:10 p.m.: Present: Robert Taglia- President, Ann Marie Testa – Vice President, and Robert Wagner - Clerk. Also, present: Manager Jim Listwan, Superintendent Steve Moore, Business Administrator Ray Hoving, Engineer Mark Halm and Attorney Bob Kay joined Via Video Conference

Public Participation: No members of the public were present.

Minutes Approved: Trustee Wagner moved, seconded by Trustee Testa to approve the minutes of January 15, 2024 as amended to include the number of shut-off notices sent vs what is required under the intergovernmental agreement. Ayes: Taglia, Wagner, Testa. Motion Carried.

Bill Listing: Review and discussion ensued. Trustee Wagner moved, seconded by Trustee Testa to approve the bill listing dated January 15, 2024 in the amount of \$233,996.19 and to pay when funds are available prior to their due date. Ayes: Taglia, Wagner, Testa. Motion Carried.

Water Shut Off List: Business Administrator Hoving presented a list of delinquent accounts dated February 19, 2024. The list represented a total amount due to the district of \$7,540.33. Trustee Wagner moved, seconded by Trustee Testa to approve the water shut off list dated February 19, 2024 as presented. Ayes: Taglia, Wagner, Testa. Motion Carried.

Reconciliation Report – January 2024: Business Administrator Hoving presented the January 2024 Reconciliation report for review and discussion. Trustee Wagner moved, seconded by Trustee Testa to approve the Reconciliation report for January 2024 as presented. Ayes: Taglia, Wagner, Testa. Motion Carried.

Attorney’s Report: Trustee Taglia asked about the sale of the Ford C-Max. Discussion ensued on the procedures for disposing of district property in general including should it go to auction or could it be sold to current employees directly. Attorney Bob Kay stated that he would look into what the procedures are for properly disposing of district assets.

Engineer’s Report:

Engineer Mark Halm Submitted a written report to the Board for the month of February. Mr. Halm updated the trustees on the phase 6 bidding status, phase 7 design engineering, SEDAC energy audit and solar field development. Mr. Halm also stated that the district received a \$50,000 DCEO grant from the State of Illinois as a part of HB 00064.

Mr. Halm then provided more a more in depth report on the SEDAC recommendations and solar field potential. SEDAC visited Salt Creek on February 5th and toured the site with staff and engineers from Fehr Graham. SEDAC recommended changes and optimization that were either process related or building/site related.

On February 2nd Fehr Graham received the report from Progressive Energy based on their January 10th site visit. The estimated cost to install the solar field would be in the range of \$600,000 and did not include infrastructure costs needed to improve the site and transfer the energy to the electrical system. The energy created would be approximately \$18,000 per year. The district’s annual electricity bill is currently around \$300K/year. Mr. Halm stated that the developer is incentivized to make the project look appealing as they are only paid if it is developed. However, without guarantees of outside funding/grants the project does not make economic sense on the districts part. Discussion commenced and work on streambank stabilization was mentioned as an alternative and much needed project to complete if funding could be obtained via

Community Project Funding. Trustee Wagner asked if the engineers could send the streambank report after the meeting and Mr. Halm stated that he would.

Finally, Mr. Halm asked that the board sign the Phase 7 funding nomination form. This form is required by the IEPA in order for the project to be ranked for funding in the next fiscal year.

Manager's Report – January 2024: Manager Listwan presented his report for the month of January 2024. Manager Listwan did not report any excursions from the permit for the month. Trustee Wagner moved, seconded by Trustee Testa to approve the Manager's Report for January 2024 and place it on file. Ayes: Taglia, Wagner, Testa. Motion Carried.

Natural Gas Contracts: Manager Listwan and Administrator Hoving discussed the current contract for natural gas and the pricing they are receiving from energy providers for fixed price and term contracts. Due to a surge in pricing because of the recent cold weather the price on the most recent natural gas bill was approximately \$0.57/therm and the pricing being offered for future contracts is in the range of \$0.37 to \$0.41/therm. Mr. Hoving reiterated that the volatility in the energy market has made it difficult to budget. Mr. Hoving stated they reached out to a number of companies for pricing however they had only received two quotes. Mr. Hoving and Mr. Listwan requested authorization to enter into a contract with a natural gas supplier between board meetings. The trustees felt that a decision should be based on having three quotes. Trustee Wagner made a motion; seconded by Trustee Testa to authorize staff to enter into an agreement for natural gas between board meetings. Ayes: Taglia, Testa and Wagner. Motion carried.

Trustee Reports:

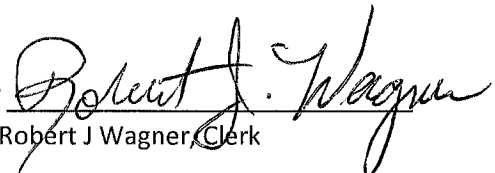
Trustee Wagner noted that he attended the presentation for the Fullersburg Woods Dam removal last month. He also stated that the next DuPage River/Salt Creek work group meeting is on February 28 and DuPage County Stormwater Management is hosting a program on February 22 titled Back to Basics. Lastly Mr. Wagner stated that Trustee Kumar from the Village of Villa Park stated at a village board meeting that she was storing used cooking oil. Trustee Wagner stated he was surprised that she did not know about Salt Creek being a collection site but that we need to continue to get the word out.

Trustee Testa mentioned how she and Business Administrator Hoving met with Nat Rosasco at Olive Street Design in Villa Park to discuss upgrading the districts website. She stated she was pleasantly surprised at the cost of the project and looked forward to seeing what they could do. Mr. Hoving stated that a draft of the site was just put online however he did not have time to review in detail as of the board meeting. Discussion then turned to possibly adding a logo. Trustee Taglia said he could perhaps enlist some of his students to design a new logo for the district.

Meeting Adjourned

Trustee Wagner moved, seconded by Trustee Testa to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Ayes: Taglia, Wagner, Testa. Motion Carried.

APPROVED 
Robert Taglia, President

ATTEST 
Robert J Wagner, Clerk

Prepared by: Ray Hoving, Business Administrator