

RUMFORD-MEXICO SEWERAGE DISTRICT
TRUSTEE MEETING
January 3, 2024

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Gautreau at 5:50 PM.
2. Present: Supt. Arsenault, Blais, Robinson, Gautreau, Palmer, Ulmer, Stewart, Daigle
3. Previous Minutes: Motion by Palmer, seconded by Robinson to accept the minutes of December 13, 2023 as written. Motion passed.
4. Personnel: N/A
5. Finance:
 - a. Septage: Received \$9,500.00. in December; with a year to date total of \$221,900.00.
 - b. Current Operating Budget: The budget is good. We are still in the black. Sludge disposal is over budget for 2023 due to a \$10.00 increase per ton.
 - c. FEMA Disaster Relief: No update for May 1, 2023 event.
 - d. MEMA/Oxford County Disaster Relief Update for December 2022 Storm: The generator purchased with the \$70,000 grant will be delivered in 2024.
 - e. Capital Project: The project is moving right along.
6. Legal:
 - a. January 3, 2024 Public Hearing Rate Increases: Motion by Palmer, seconded by Ulmer to accept the findings of the January 3, 2024 Public Hearing on rate increases for the operation and maintenance costs as well as current and future debt service. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Operations:
 - a. Main Plant: There were a lot of violations due to the high water from the flood in December.
 - b. Morse Bridge: There is an ongoing sanitary sewerage overflow from the pipe running across the bridge. The DEP has been notified of the issue. It will be taken care of as soon as possible.
 - c. Clarifiers: They are running good.
 - d. Rumford Point Plant: The flood also caused a violation at this location.
 - e. Dix Avenue: The Grit system is getting worked on.
 - f. Falls Hill: Working good.
 - g. South Rumford: There are electrical issues from flooding. The SKATA system got wet, and the alarm system is malfunctioning.
 - h. Collection System Inspection: A leak was found on Morse Bridge as well as some land damage around the Dix Avenue pump station.
8. Buildings:
 - a. Plant Water System: The guys did a good job on a temporary fix for this year.
9. Other Business:
 - a. Sludge Disposal: We are waiting on NH DEQ to okay the sludge before it can go to New Hampshire. There are other sites, but they are costly.
 - b. 2024 Budget: The budget was approved at the Public Hearing.
 - c. 2023 Superintendent's Annual Report was contingent on Public Hearing.
10. Adjournment: Motion by Stewart, seconded by Ulmer to adjourn at 6:39 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Blais, Clerk