

RUMFORD-MEXICO SEWERAGE DISTRICT  
TRUSTEE MEETING  
June 5, 2024

1. Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Palmer at 5:50 PM.
2. Present: Supt. Arsenault, Blais, Palmer, Ulmer, Stewart, Daigle, Robinson, Matt Desroches.
3. Previous Minutes: Motion by Stewart, seconded by Ulmer to accept the minutes of April 3, 2024 meeting as written. Motion passed.
4. MEMA: Motion by Ulmer, seconded by Robinson to add MEMA to the agenda for tonight's meeting. Motion passed.
5. Personnel:
  - a. Assistant Superintendant Position: Motion by Daigle, seconded by Blais to create the position of Assistant Superintendent, with the position to be filled by Matt Desroches, effective immediately, with a yearly salary of \$72,000. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Waste Water Operator: Motion by Ulmer, seconded by Stewart to advertise for a Waste Water Operator. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Finance:
  - a. Audit: The audit is proceeding well. Still need more information. A single line audit has been started for the project.
  - b. Septage: Received \$20,752.00. in May; with a year to date total of \$45,401.00.
  - c. Current Operating Budget: Budget is doing well.
  - d. Nationwide Account: Motion by Robinson, seconded by Ulmer to take the Nationwide Account 1011-18 and roll it into a CD. Motion passed.
  - e. Sludge Hauling Contract: The contract with Hartland is all set if New Hampshire falls through. The sludge hauling budget is under budget as we are not producing as much sludge.
  - f. FEMA Prospect Avenue Update: The project has been finalized. The expected reimbursement will be put into a money market account at Bangor Savings.
  - g. MEMA/Oxford County EMA Update: Motion by Stewart, seconded by Robinson to pay for the emergency generator out of the Bangor Savings money market account. The reimbursement money will go back into the Bangor Savings money market account. Motion passed.
  - h. Capital Project Update: The 90% part of the project is concluding and will be sent to the proper agencies for approval. The District and Wright/Pierce will get it back for their approval. Then it will be put out to bid.
7. Legal: N/A
8. Operations:
  - a. Current compliance of operating permits: The main plant is in compliance of all permits. The Plant is running good with the exception of #1 clarifier with a high flow short circuit to be worked on soon.
  - b. Sludge Disposal: As mentioned above, the production of sludge is down. The budget for hauling is under budget.
  - c. Rumford Point Plant: The new generator was delivered yesterday, June 4th, and installed. The CAT technician will be on site to run testing on the generator when back from vacation. The generator will be backed up to the SKADA system.
  - d. Pump Station Systems:
    1. Dix Avenue: #1 RSP was stuck in the closed position as rags were getting into the valves.
    2. Falls Hill: #1 is getting plugged up with some debris. Problem will be fixed soon.
    3. South Rumford: Running good.

- e. 2024 Collection System Inspection:
  - 1. The Morse Bridge inspection counts towards the fiscal sustainability study along with the trees in the Virginia section
  - 2. The man hole in ball field between Aubuchon's and the Dix Avenue pump station will be repaired.
- 9. Buildings:
  - a. The AST tanks for Falls Hill and the Main Plant were approved by the Fire Marshall. Permits were issued for both of them.  
Motion by Robinson, seconded by Daigle to purchase the AST tanks for a price of \$11,000 with the money coming out of the Bangor Savings money market account Motion passed.
  - b. Rumford Point Plant: An invoice has been received from the DEP for \$17,000 for the clean up of the diesel spill at the Rumford Point station.
  - c. Main Plant - Emergency Generator; Motion by Stewart, seconded by Ulmer to purchase and install an AST tank for the main plant emergency generator. Motion passed.
- 19. Other Business: Motion by Daigle, seconded by Stewart to modify the emergency spending allowance for the Superintendent from annually to the discretion of the Superintendent. Motion passed.
- 11. July Meeting; Motion by Ulmer, seconded by Stewart to move the July meeting from July 3rd to July 10th at 6:00 pm. Motion passed.
- 12. Adjournment: Motion by Stewart, seconded by Daigle to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
John S. Blais, Clerk