

**VEAZIE SEWER DISTRICT
MAY 12, 2010 – MINUTES
6:30 P.M.**

Attended by: Chair Steven Theborge, Trustees Esther Bushway and Gary Brown, Supt. Gary Brooks and Tammy Olson.

- 1) Call Meeting to Order – Steve called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
- 2) Consider Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2010 – Esther moved to accept the minutes of April 14, 2010 as written; Gary seconded. Vote 3-0, passes.
- 3) Review Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda.
- 4) Greystone Mobile Home Park New Owners – The Greystone Mobile Home Park was for sale for a while, and the owners of the mobile homes in the park purchased it by forming a co-op. It is only the second such co-op in the state. The down payment was financed through Genesis Community Loan Fund and the remainder was financed by a commercial bank. The co-op asked the bank to escrow their sewer payments for at least the first year, so Tammy provided the bank with the average sewer bill amounts. Steve asked if the park was on city water, and Supt. Brooks said yes, although it used to be on a well. The previous owner had inquired about individual meters, and Supt. Brooks said that the owner would have to read them. Supt. Brooks then reviewed the history of usage and owners.
- 5) '10 – '11 Budget Draft – The budget is down about \$6,800 from last year. Steve moved to accept the 2010–2011 budget for the Veazie Sewer District as written, Gary seconded. Vote 3-0; passes.

Steve moved to place \$1,000.00 in the O&M to the Computer Replacement Fund; Gary seconded. Vote 3-0, passes.

Steve moved to place \$1,000.00 in the O&M to the Sick Time Buy Back Fund; Gary seconded. Vote 3-0, passes.

Steve moved to place \$800.00 from O&M and \$1,500.00 from Collection System to the Pick-up/Equipment Replacement Fund; Gary seconded. Vote 3-0, passes.

Steve moved to place \$10,000.00 from O&M to the Plant Replacement Fund; Gary seconded. Vote 3-0, passes.

Steve moved to place \$10,000.00 from O&M to the Sludge Removal Fund; Gary seconded. Vote 3-0, passes.

Steve motioned to place \$10,000 into the Collection System Reserve Account to be used for repairs, equipment, and sewer reconstruction; Gary seconded. Vote 3-0, passes.

Steve asked if the state requires the funds such as the sludge removal. Supt. Brooks said the state requires a plant replacement fund but doesn't specify how much money needs to be in it.

- 6) Superintendent's Report – a) We had no violations in April. The system is operating well. Our flows are low for May. Our snow melted early and it's been dry. Last week our problems with BODs came back. We could have a BOD violation for the next two months. Supt. Brooks reviewed our license and CBODs vs. BODs. We run side-by-side CBOD tests to prove that we are okay. Steve asked if we can do more than one a week and average them. Supt. Brooks said yes, but then we risk multiple tests becoming required. b) We will be replacing a manhole on Randolph Drive. There is root intrusion, and a manhole was never put in at the end of the main. Gary asked if pipe would also be replaced, and Supt. Brooks said that is not the current plan. Steve asked if it would be a one-day job, and Supt. Brooks said it will probably be one long day or a day and a half. c) The annual report we submitted to the town is a little different than the one the Trustees reviewed last month because the town told us it was a little long. We trimmed some of the excess text but the contents are basically the same. Supt. Brooks mentioned that he was previously told we could have as many pages in the town report as we wanted, but added that it was no problem to shorten the report. d) Supt. Brooks attended the town council meeting on Monday night. The town budget is not going up and taxes are not really going up, so now they are talking about roadwork. Supt. Brooks informed the council that Oak Grove has clay pipe and something needs to be done, particularly with the brick manholes that are caving in. If the town resurfaces Oak Grove, they need to involve us sooner rather than later. The councilors received our assessment but not the accompanying letter. Supt. Brooks also discussed the town's claim that they need multiple employees because one employee should not handle all aspects of a transaction.
- 7) Other Business – a) Tammy performed a UCC search on Jeannine Dye but there were no results. We may contact the landowner by copying him in on correspondence with Dye as he may not want the mobile home moved. b) We don't know what will happen with Marilyn Barrett's home. Supt. Brooks said that her father had lived with her all along. If the house sells, the bill should be paid.
- 8) Adjournment – Steve moved to adjourn, Esther seconded. Vote 3-0, passes at 7:30.

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 9, 2010 AT 6:30 PM

Minutes approved June 9, 2010, by a vote of 2-0.

Gary Brown, Secretary. 6/9/10