

## ALLENTON SANITARY DISTRICT

October 17, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Allenton Sanitary District Commission was called to order by Chairman Bingen at 7:00 PM. This meeting has been properly noticed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present: President Bob Bingen; Commissioners, Gary Karnitz, Ron Hefter, Dan Wolf; Jeff Infalt, Secretary Wendy Fairbanks; Treasurer Brenda Kaehler. MCO representative Dave Maule was present. Twelve (12) other people were present during the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion by Karnitz to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Hefter. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Allenton Sanitary District meeting were reviewed. Motion by Wolf to approve the minutes. Seconded by Infalt. Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF BILLS AND AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT:** Bills for payment were reviewed. Motion by Hefter to approve check numbers 11553 through 11571 Summit Credit Union, check numbers 10355 through 10356 National Exchange Bank, transfer of funds and electronic payments as listed, in the amount of \$137,718.93. Seconded by Infalt. Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS:** Motion to approve the Treasurer's report and bank reconciliations for the month of September 2024 by Karnitz. Seconded by Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Re: Insurance Bids.** Motion by Hefter to accept the insurance bid by Horton with the 1-million-dollar Cyber Security add on. Seconded by Infalt. Motion carried unanimously.

**MIDWEST CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:** Dave Maule was present from MCO to give the report for last month.

On the Wastewater side, Maule stated that on September 24<sup>th</sup>, Mueller started working on Paw Patch's sewer lateral. Due to its state of deterioration, they did not use the original lateral stub. Instead, a new lateral was installed directly into the manhole in front of the property. Doing this allowed them to stay above the high ground water in the area. Horsch and Miller completed the sewer connection in the crawl space under the building. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, Valley Hydro submitted their quote to clean out the septic basin. They were considerably less expensive than Sabel and Speedy Clean. \$8500/day for up to 4 days. Valley Hydro will also be sourcing lime at a discounted rate. They are planning to start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. Motion by Infalt to approve Valley Hydro to clean out the septic basin. Seconded by Karnitz. Motion carried unanimously. On September 27<sup>th</sup>, the roof at the WWTP was replaced. October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Speedy Clean abandoned Paw Patch's original lateral stub and repaired the sewer defect on Rock River Rd. On October 9<sup>th</sup>, curb and gutter for Paw Patch was poured. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, the WWTP had their five-year DNR inspection. During the inspection it was noted that they need to have a spill kit. There will be more discussion to come on Paw Patch regarding no lateral who is going to be responsible for the sewer fees for past years.

On the water side, Maule stated that on October 9 hydrant flushing was conducted in town. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, Lead survey was made available to the public. There are copies at the Town Hall office, WWTP office, and on the Town website. Radium sample will be pulled at Well 1 on Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will know the results within a month.

**PURCHASES AND ORDERS/QUOTES:**

Thermometers for the Samplers at the WWTP – these must be replaced annually.

Paw Patch lateral. Mueller, Speedy Clean, Horsch and Miller, concrete for curb and gutter.

Speedy Clean, Rock River main repair.

Valley Hydro, \$8500/day to clean out the septic basin.

**UPCOMING PROJECTS:**

Septic Basin cleaning October 23, 2024

Valve turning and hydrant winterizing

Large Digester sludge hauling. Badger to do the hauling

Paul from MCO presented budget update for MCO contract for 2025. They are looking at a 4.03% increase from \$159,350.27 for 2024 to \$165,772.09 for 2025. In addition to the 4.03% contract increase, there will be an increase in lab fees. ASD estimated permit sampling cost without the 25% discount given by MCO would be \$17,472.00 per year. With the 25% discount, the estimated annual permit sampling cost would \$13,104.00. To assist with this increase, MCO would apply a 75% discount for 2025 (\$4,368.00 year end estimate), and a 50% discount for 2026 (\$8,736.00 year end estimate), and a 25% discount (\$13,104.00 year end estimate) going forward. Contract term is January 1, 2025, thru December 31, 2025.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Letter for Blueberry project needs to be sent out. We need to get a meeting scheduled for middle of December. Wolf informed Board that he will not be available December 12 and 13.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Question regarding whether or not the letter will include a survey. Bingen answered yes, the letter will include a survey. It will be one vote per property.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Karnitz. Seconded by Hefter. Motion carried unanimously at 7:51 p.m.



Brenda Kaehler, Treasurer  
Allenton Sanitary District