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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
*of the*  
**PRINCETON SEWER OPERATING COMMITTEE**

January 6, 2021

The Meeting of the Princeton Sewer Operating Committee (PSOC) was convened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 via Virtual Meeting/Zoom Conference. D. Goldfarb opened the meeting in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Section 5, Chapter 231, P.L. 275. In conformance with the requirements of the Law, Notice was provided of the date, time and location of this regular meeting by posting a copy of the adopted Schedule of Regular Meetings in Monument Hall, and Witherspoon Building, by mailing copies to the Trenton Times, Princeton Packet, Town Topics and by filing a copy in the Office of Clerk of Princeton. Adequate notice was provided to the public and to all parties concerned.

**PRESENT:** David Goldfarb, Valerie Haynes, Eve Niedergang  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Deanna Stockton, Engineer; Andrew Filippi, Sewer Design Engineer;  
Ian Baker, Construction Project Engineer;  
Dan Van Mater, Public Works Director; Janice Most, Secretary  
**ABSENT:** Marc Dashield, Administrator  
**PUBLIC:** Dina Shaw (left at 9:25 a.m.)

**REORGANIZATION – Election of Officers 2021**

V. Haynes nominated D. Goldfarb to serve as Chair. E. Niedergang seconded.  
The Motion passed unanimously.

D. Goldfarb nominated V. Haynes to serve as Vice Chair. E. Niedergang seconded.  
The Motion passed unanimously.

D. Goldfarb nominated J. Most to serve as Secretary. E. Niedergang seconded.  
The Motion passed unanimously.

## **2021 SUNSHINE**

E. Niedergang moved to approve the Resolution as to 2021 and January 2022 Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Princeton Sewer Operating Committee, as presented.

V. Haynes seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

No amendments to the Agenda.

## **Infiltration/Inflow (I/I Program)**

A. Filippi stated that mitigation of Mini System 35 has begun with the 2021 Budget modified for the latest costs to test and seal joints, laterals, and pipes as needed; will have videos of what repairs will need to be done; working on costs; RFP will be out next month with an Engineering firm managing the project.

Discussion: lateral work will not be TV'd as TV does not identify active leaks; need of neighborhood meeting.

## **Sewer Connect/Disconnect/Repair Regulations**

A Filippi stated that New Jersey Statutes were updated in 2018 with specific changes in charges; historically Princeton has been charging fees for all additional flows.

Discussion: put the new Statute on the website; Ordinance updating; have been assessing fees based on the State Statute not Princeton Ordinance; fees for changes of use are subject to certain criteria; Princeton must comply with the State Statute.

Question from public participation: how is the Sewer Trust Fund maintained and used.

## **Grease Trap Regulations**

A. Filippi presented the current Grease Trap Ordinance.

Discussion: Grease Trap Ordinance with proposed changes are in Attorney review with a March completion deadline; brackets around wording is for removal, underlines for changes; FOG=fat/oil/grease; public education of the new Ordinance is paramount using website; mailings, etc.

### **Status of Hiring for DPW Department Head**

D. Stockton stated there is nothing new to report.

### **Status of Hiring for Sewer Manager**

D. Van Mater stated there are no new applicants for the Sewer Manager position.

Discussion: position responsibilities; competition (public vs. private); licensure requirements; hiring Operators before Manager; reach out to Stoney Brook staff to get alternate organization names to include in posting.

### **Licensed Operator Succession Plan Recommendations**

A. Filippi stated that currently we have two Licensed Operators; one is leaving this year and the next in line will be the primary; will need to have Montgomery Township assist with Operators; A. Filippi has applied to take the exam but there are no new exam applications being accepted due to the COVID situation; licensure in another state is not reciprocal.

### **OTHER**

D. Goldfarb stated he will be meeting with Mayor Freda on January 22, 2021 and invites everyone to contact him for issues they would like Mayor Freda to be aware of.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021 via Virtual Meeting/Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Most, Secretary  
Princeton Sewer Operating Committee

Adopted: March 10, 2021