Farwell Kensington Sanitary District Minutes

October 10, 2024

Members Present: Pryce Score, Todd Eystad, Larry Husfeldt, and Karin Anderson

Members Absent: Randy Nessman

Guests: Mike Moen

The monthly meeting for the Farwell Kensington Sanitary District was held on October 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room.

**Motion (Eystad/Husfeldt) to approve the agenda. MCU**

**Motion (Anderson/Eystad) to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024, meeting. MCU**

**Motion (Husfeldt/Eystad) to approve the financial report and to pay claims 932 through 939 listed on the claims list. MCU**

Mike Moen- People Service Inc.: The monthly Fluoride Report was completed and sent to the state.

There was a partial hydrant flushing on Tower Street to try alleviating the rusty water. The tubes in the chemical pumps were replaced. Monthly DMR was completed and sent into the state. Weeds were pulled and cleaned up around the ponds. The pocket that holds the diverter gates to the primary and second primary ponds needed maintenance. I chiseled concrete so the plates would be easier to use. Pond transfer was performed in preparation for an October discharge. MN Rural Wastewater was consulted regarding the occasional sewer smell in two homes nearest the Farwell lift station. He has run across this issue in the past. Most often the smell is due to sewer ventilation problems. If the homes are vented incorrectly, the back pressure can cause liquid evacuation in the pee traps. Quarterly comps were collected and sent to the state for evaluation.

Reminder to the Board that our November meeting will be held Thursday November 14, 2024

The board received correspondence from our attorney, Thornton Law Office, that as of January 1, 2025, their firm will no longer be representing cities in civil municipal matters. Jennifer has reached out to several other local law firms to see if they handle civil municipal matters.

**Motion (Eystad/Anderson) to approve Swenson Lervick in Alexandria as a backup attorney to represent the Farwell Kensington Sanitary District in municipal matters. MCU**

UB Max billing software will no longer be available as of December 31, 2024. gWorks is the company that bought them, and they are now requiring all clients to onboard with their new utility software. They have waived the onboarding fee for current UB Max customers, however our yearly fees for the software will be a little more than double in price. Several other billing software packages have been investigated; however, none seem to be as cost effective as gWorks.

**Motion (Eystad/Anderson) to approve the new annual contract with gWorks for their utility billing software and front desk for an annual fee of $2,420.00. MCU**

A brief discussion was held regarding the inflow and infiltration reduction ordinance, the board would like more time to review the ordinance for discussion.

Past due accounts were reviewed, and letters will be sent out.

**Motion (Husfeldt/Anderson) to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. MCU**

Next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2024.

Jennifer Kangas, Pryce Score

Secretary/Treasurer Board Chairman