

Sewer Enterprise Committee Meeting  
March 22, 2022

Josh Lang called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Those present included: John Goerlach, Josh Lang, and William Decelles. Josh informed the committee that Mark Froio resigned. Nick Keenan from Kleinfelder attended as a guest.

**Kleinfelder Sewer Study Update and Recommendations**

There is currently available GIS mapping that has been used to map the Sewer system. Approximately 6,500 feet of sewer. A capacity, operations, maintenance, and management system. Creation of an Operations and Maintenance Manual. An II analysis was done to monitor flow which there is some infiltration. Infiltration isn't the major problem. New part of the system is 10-15 years, and the older part is from the 1970's but still good. There is a lot of inflow that is driven by rainwater. There is a proposed change to the bylaws which will need to go before the Board. Board of Health at the State level is reviewing the language and it will still need reviewed by our attorney.

**John Goerlach**

Is there anything we can do as a Town to ask if the gutters or sump pump is attached to the Sewer.

**Nick Keenan**

With infiltration, awareness can be used to make residents aware of these issues.

**John Goerlach**

Years ago John's company put in the pipes at the mini mall. From further research the one restaurant was letting the grease trap flow into the sewer and blocked some of the piping.

**Nick Keenan**

The inspection and enforcement go to the Board of Health. However, without sewer bylaws, it may not be clear in Lanesborough who is in charge.

**Josh Lang**

Part of the recommendation was that your firm could do some of the campaigning for us?

**Nick Keenan**

The Town should still implement an awareness campaign. This could be as simple as mailing and website. The firm can help you develop that. There is a new requirement from DEP which needs to go out near a sanitary open flow. It's just a DEP reporting requirement for spills. Then five days later send a more comprehensive write up. Public needs to be aware after 2 hours that any waste is being spilled into an open body of water. The DEP wants you to acknowledge the requirements via letter and minutes.

**Rates FY 2023**

Josh Lang

Pittsfield just raised their rates by 12%. FY22 there was an increase. Total \$47,466.54 each August, we pay to Pittsfield. The increase would be about \$52,000. Should we raise the rates for our residents?

**John Goerlach**

Historically the taxpayers take care of that anyway.

**Josh Lang**

There would just need to be an adoption of the rates put out by Pittsfield.

**John Goerlach**

Motion to raise the rates to meet Pittsfield's rising cost by John Goerlach.

Seconded by Bill Decelles.

Motion carries.

**Nick Keenan**

Leslie Renzi, DPU office, city of Pittsfield, ask her for language.

**Josh Lang**

There has typically been about \$66,000 budgeted for Sewer each year. ARPA fees are eligible to be used for this.

**John Goerlach**

Motion to present \$66,860 for the Annual Town Meeting.

Bill Decelles

Seconded by John Goerlach.

Motion carries.

Motion to request ARPA Funding for project by John Goerlach

Billy Decelles Seconded

Motion carriers.

**Josh Lang**

Application \$100, etc. Do you have a list of Towns we could look at?

**Nick Kennan**

No but we can look to see.

**Josh Lang**

SSO notification?

**Nick Keenan**

Do you want a proposal?

**Josh Lang**

Yes, the deadline is July

**FY 2023 Budget**

**Nick Keenan**

Do you want a proposal for all 6,000?

John Goerlach made a motion to use \$43k of free cash to cover cost of completed Sewer Study.

Seconded by Billy Decelles.

Motion passes.

Josh Lang

Motion to Adjourn at 1:53. Seconded by John Goerlach.

