

Thirty Nine North Conservancy District
Board meeting By Zoom
April 2, 2021

Board Present
Mark Childress
Cheryl Reinhart
Ed Arnold
John Knoll

Staff Present
Jeffrey Haw
Randy Strasser
Tim Werner
Jerry Jackson
Gary Radtke

Public Present

After a late start with electronic problems (apologies from Clerk Knoll) the meeting was called to order by President Childress.

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. Ed Arnold moved to approve as written, second by Cheryl Reinhart, all voting in favor

The financial report was reviewed. Clerk Knoll explained the certificates of deposit which were matured and then the money reinvested during the month of the report. It is noted that the interest rate is very low and short terms were chosen for the new certificates. Cheryl Reinhart asked if any of the offerings included the option of no penalty for early withdrawal for us on the match for a grant we might try to obtain. The Flagstar Banker we dealt with and purchased cds from thought that it would be able to be withdrawn for the special situation, but it was noted that it is not in writing on the certificate papers. Ed Arnold moved to accept the financial report, Cheryl Reinhart seconded and all voted in favor.

Bills for payment were considered. The sewer bill was discussed. The water bill has gone down by 25% this month from last but the sewer bill is \$2000.00 higher with more gallons metered than last month's bill. Superintendent of the sewer Department Jerry Jackson was in attendance, and said that this is a metering problem and their office will do another "run time" assessment and get a bill to us. Discussion continued with Ed Arnold mentioning that we might need to do an assessment of the sewer line system to check for water infiltration after snow and rain. He knows the manhole in his tree lawn area is below grade and there is no riser or seal to the lid. Is that the case in a other places causing some of the metering differences? Cheryl asked if we need to have this checked? Cheryl Reinhart made a motion to have the sewer line checked for obviously faulty spots

such as manhole covers not fitting tight enough. Ed Arnold seconded and all voted in favor. Jerry Jackson said he would make sure the Sewer maintenance people looked at the one at the Arnold drive area.

Bills for payment were presented. Clerk Knoll noted the sewer use bill, and the Electric, and phone/internet bills as being higher than normal because of start up costs for the beginning of the new office use. Cheryl Reinhart made a motion to pay the bills as presented and as normal, John Knoll seconded and all voted in favor.

Old Business:

Both Attorney Friedman and the Website Oversight were not available. We began reports with VS Engineering. Jeffrey Haw turned the discussion over to Gary Radtke, engineer for the Shady Grove project. There have been discussions online from Mr. Radtke to the Board regarding finalizing questions by Jerry Jackson on parts of the plans being sent to the State for Approvals. There are about three issues to solve and two letters of approval to finalize.

The first item was the discussion about the Letter as to who would service the system when it is complete. After a short discussion that this is the declaration that someone is responsible to do the service of the system. Since the District is not asking for the Permits for the project, the District must say that they will be the responsible. The Board asked Jerry Jackson if the Sewer Department from the City would be willing to continue working on this part of the system when the project is complete, as it has the rest of the District Sewer System. He said yes they would. With that answer, the question was taken care of.

Continuing with items of discussion:

1. The prices that Mr. Radtke has received from companies to provide and install a generator for the Family Express lift station have provided only one bid. H. & G. has a price of \$43,797.11 to present (appropriate size unit). While this is more than the Board had anticipated, this is the solution to making sure that there is a generator to keep effluent moving at the most critical point in the event of a power outage. Cheryl Reinhart moved to approve the Board's purchase of the generator, second by Ed Arnold, all voting in favor.
2. Wet well sealing: Mr. Radtke says that H. & G. has submitted a price of \$1800.00 to seal both wet wells with their bid. He subsequently said that Shady Grove would not be against paying for the sealing of the wet

well which is part of their project. The other wet well is part of the other half of the project which is not to their property.

3. The redesigning of the valve structure: Mr. Radtke again stated that he did not feel there was anything wrong with the design of the valve situation as presented, though it is not what Mr. Jackson would like to see done. When asked if Mr. Jackson could see a way to accept the design as planned, he said that since there is going to be a permanent generator in the system now, he could excuse the change to the valve structure.

Tim Werner then asked if our generator servicers – Mac Allister Machinery Co. - has been contacted for a price on the generator needed. On hearing they have not, Mr. Werner said he would contact the sales agent he deals with and see about getting a price from them for reference. With that second price becoming available, President Childress asked Cheryl Reinhart if she would allow a change to her original motion. She said yes it can be amended to be that the Board will consider a bid from Mac Allister machine for the Generator for the current project extension, and will move forward with the project not to exceed the price previously quoted by the H. & G Bid. Ed Arnold seconded and all voted in favor.

Mr. Radtke continued with a summary:

The Plan has been submitted to INDOT for approval. Bonds have been submitted for the work.

A letter will be sent to INDOT that the Thirty Nine North Conservancy District will maintain the system when it is finished and turned over.

Cheryl Reinhart made the motion that President Childress should sign This letter. Ed Arnold seconded and all voted in favor.

IDEM also needs a letter from Jerry Jackson that we will be doing the generator in the system. Jeffrey Haw will do a plan revision showing the wet well sealing.

Mr. Radtke thanks the board for the help and consideration in getting this put together so that the project can proceed.

Jeffrey Haw continued with the information that the Odor Control project plans have gone to Superintendent Jackson for final review.

Tim Weren discussed that the thirty Nine North Conservancy District rates did not get changed for this month's billing. There were problems that came up in the City's change in rates a month ago and have carried over, so that it was not possible to get the Conservancy rates changed. They should be taken care of for next month's billing.

Other:

Ed Arnold asked if the Board would approve President Childress and Ed Arnold to meet with Mayor Dermody to see about using some of the Covid 29 money for the Water Tower project. Clerk Knoll mentioned that MaryJane Thomas has already asked for time for a report at the May meeting. Cheryl Reinhart made a motion that we try to work with the County officials first on finding money. Ed Arnold seconded and all voted in favor.

Ed Arnold asked is a Letter of Support could be signed by the District welcoming Bela Largo Assisted Living and Memory Care to the District. Cheryl Reinhart moved to have the District do a letter of support. Ed Arnold will draft a letter and send it to the President so that it can be available in time for the finance meeting coming up later this month. Second by Ed Arnold. All voting in favor,

There were no other questions.

Ed Arnold moved to adjourn, John Knoll seconded and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Knoll,
Financial Clerk