

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT (ECSD) NO. 5
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024
AMHERST ENGINEERING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jonathan Bleuer, Mr. William Lardo, Mr. Timothy Lavocat
and Ms. Vaishali Reberholt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Jeffrey Burroughs

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Joseph Fiegl, Mr. Jonathan McNulty (Erie County
Legislature), Ms. Brenda Rehac and Mr. William Strzeszynski

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Lavocat called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF JUNE 10, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Bleuer, seconded by Ms. Reberholt, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2024 meeting. Mr. Lavocat was absent during the June 10, 2024 meeting and abstained from the vote. The motion carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ITEM NO. 4 – OLD BUSINESS

a. Eastern Hills Mall Redevelopment

Mr. Fiegl stated the consultants finished the Transit Road Sanitary Sewer Corridor Study in early July. The report of those findings was posted on the Division of Sewerage Management's website. A meeting with various stakeholders will be scheduled in the coming weeks to discuss the next steps, including advancing engineering design. The key item will be to identify funding. On a separate track, the parallel Peanut Line sewer project continues with an anticipated 2026 construction start.

b. Town of Amherst Treatment Bills (Handout)

Mr. Fiegl reviewed the handout regarding the changes made in the Erie County Sewer District No. 5 budget. An increase of \$150,000 was added for treatment costs, with a reduction of \$150,000 to capital reserves. The total 2025 budget remains the same as approved and this change does not impact the ratepayers.

ITEM NO. 5 – NEW BUSINESS

a. 2025 User Charge

i. Public Hearing Notice & Meeting Minutes (Handout)

The Board received a copy of the public hearing notice and related meeting minutes for the 2025 User Charges. The meeting was held on September 25, 2024, and no comments were received from the public. Now that the public hearing was held, the next step is for the individual Boards of Managers to adopt the 2025 rates. The rates will take effect January 1, 2025.

ii. Resolution (Handout)

The Board considered a copy of the User Charge Resolution. On a motion by Mr. Lardo, seconded by Ms. Reberholt, the Board voted to approve the 2025 User Charge Rates for ECSD No. 5. The motion carried 4-0.

b. Proposed Update to “Rules and Regulations for the Erie County Sewer Districts” (Handout)

The Board received a copy of the proposed changes to the existing “Rules and Regulations for Erie County Sewer Districts”. The edits were posted to the Division of Sewerage Management’s website. The Board members posed several questions, with the Division of Sewerage Management representatives providing clarification on the proposed changes. It was noted County Attorney and SEQR review is the next step.

On a motion by Mr. Bleuer, seconded by Mr. Lardo, the Board voted to approve the resolution for the recommended updates to the existing “Rules and Regulations for Erie County Sewer Districts”. The motion carried 4-0.

c. 2025 Meeting Schedule Handout)

Mr. Lavocat reviewed the proposed meeting schedule with the Board. On a motion by Ms. Reberholt, seconded by Mr. Lavocat, the Board voted to approve the 2025 meeting schedule as submitted. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 6 – MISCELLANEOUS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Operational Report (May-August)

Mr. Strzeszynski updated the Board with the operational report. It has been relatively quiet since the last meeting in June. There were no noteworthy equipment issues to report at any of the facilities. Our progress on cleaning the entire district has continued. However, progress has slowed due to other priorities.

There were two back-ups that required relief and follow-up. A root mass at 6471 Transit Rd. was identified and removed. This section was placed on the maintenance list; at least

until CIPP lining has been completed. North of Grovers at 9250 Transit Rd., broken castings and millings from the paving contractor plugged the line and caused the back-up. Oakgrove responded and assisted Erie County staff with their vector truck. An Erie County crew followed up with closed circuit televising and confirmed all debris was removed and the affected sewer lines were back to full capacity. The Town District #9 area has yet to be addressed, but sewer district staff are optimistic progress will be made prior to our next meeting in December.

Otherwise, all other activities were relatively routine in nature.

b. Construction Report

None

c. Payments (Handout)

Mr. Lardo reviewed the payments made to Greenman-Petersen, Inc., WM Schutt and Brown and Caldwell.

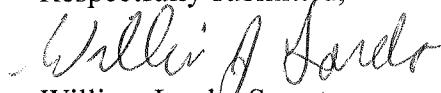
Ms. Reberholt moved, seconded by Mr. Bleuer, to receive and file the miscellaneous and informational items on the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Lardo, seconded by Mr. Lavocat, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm. The motion carried 4-0.

**Next ECSD No 5 Board Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m.
Clarence Town Hall**

Respectfully submitted,



William Lardo, Secretary
ECSD No. 5 Board of Managers

BL:br
Motion to Approve October 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: _____
Seconded by: _____
App./Disapp.: _____
Date: _____
Signed: _____