

Emergency Special Sewer Dumping City Council Meeting August 23, 2024

4:30 pm Sturgeon Lake City Hall

<u>The following council members were present at the hall</u>: Mayor Scott Helfman, Council member Nick Dagel, Council member Adam Langhorst, and Council member David Lingle.

The following council members were absent: none

The following city employees were present at the hall: City Clerk/Treasurer Sandra Osterdyk

The following city staff members were absent: Public Works Superintendent Larry Coursolle

Members of the public that were present: Jamie Robbins, Chad Robbins, and Mike Svacina

Call to order: Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor Helfman called the Emergency Special Sewer Dumping City Council Meeting to order at 4:40 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Guests and Visitor Comment

Chad Robbins with Robbins Septic was present to speak to the council about requesting additional gallonage for the year. The council asked that he contact WLSSD to get his permit to haul to their facility. He stated he had been in contact with them and had not had luck getting a response on a permit before, but he would reach out again. The council had a lengthy discussion with Chad Robbins and Mike Svacina from Mike's Sewer Service. It was brought up that Chad's customers have no options other than WLSSD. The council was informed that this would increase the costs to the customers who haul to WLSSD. That Windemere Township is not an option. It was restated that the council provided each company with a gallonage allowance for the 2024 year to manage earlier this year. At this rate, Chad feels he will have his yearly number maxed out by mid to end of September. When Mike was asked, he thought he would be okay until the end of the year. Mayor Helfman pointed out that they both need to consider other options. The MPCA recommends that 350-450 acres be lined up to begin testing for land application. The topic of the island at the wastewater treatment ponds came up and was discussed as well. The council shared that this is still being investigated, with the help of our city engineer, to determine the next steps so that proper due diligence is done to allow for the best-informed decision. After additional discussion, the council decided not to grant additional gallonage to Chad Robbins as of this date.

Announcements

- Special Assessment Hearing/City Council Meeting, September 17, 2024

Adjournment

D. Lingle motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by N. Dagel. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Osterdyk, City Clerk/Treasurer

Scott Helfman, Mayor