



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Maples Shores Subordinate Sewer District Bi-Annual Meeting

June 19, 2019
7:00 PM
Meeting minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Gernandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Ron Gernandt, William Malecha, Charlie Peters, Trish Burmeister, Elaine Trnka, Ashley Anderson

Others Present: Mike Touhey, Val Altendorfer, Tim Altendorfer, Dennis Keefer, Mike Featherston, Kyle Hoffert, Robert and Tina Jacobs,

2. APPROVE MAPLE SHORES SUBORDINATE SEWER DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 25, 2017.

Mike Touhey made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Val Altendorfer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. ANNUAL REVIEW

Elaine shared financials from 2014 – 2018. There is a negative balance of \$8,938.36. Each resident is currently assessed at \$825.00 for 2018 and 2019.

A fence was recently put up to protect the system.

Tom Wirtzfeld from Advanced Septic spoke to the group. They only had one call out in 2018. They had a float that failed. Laboratory water tests have come back good.

Approximately 3.5 weeks ago, Advance Septic lost the ability to talk to the main panel. Advanced Septic can still talk to individual homes. The panel is still recording data, but they have lost the ability to communicate with the panel. The motherboard has failed internally. Advanced Septic is unsure of the cause of the failure. The cost to fix the failed component will be approximately \$8,000.00 for parts and labor. Tom recommends this be fixed by winter. The new motherboard will have technology so the main system will not have to use a phone line. It will be able to use cellular towers to communicate. This will provide a yearly cost savings. At this time, residents will still need to keep their land lines. The technology is there to have individual homes move away from the landline communication, but it is currently expensive.

Water usage went up 4%, but well under a usage that would carry concern.

The group discussed the expenses. 2017 carried higher expenses as some pumps failed. They had to exchange the pumps which also required pumping out the tanks to prevent contaminants.

The group discussed that if the failure were due to a weather event, such as a lightning strike, would the township insurance pay for the new motherboard? Tom will send a date of when it happened, and Charlie will check with insurance to see if it is something that can be covered through insurance.

In addition to the motherboard, additional site maintenance is required.

A resident voiced concern about the amount of water and sediment dumping into the nerf pound in Maple Shores. Supervisors will look for erosion.

There is a builder interested in purchasing some land on the north side of Circle Lake.

The group discussed different assessment options to pay for the new motherboard and to get the account balance above zero.

Kyle Hoffert made a motion to increase the Maple Shores yearly assessments to \$1,200 for two years if insurance will cover the motherboard. Mike Touhey seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Kyle Hoffert made a motion to increase the Maple Shores yearly assessments to \$1,500 for two years if insurance will NOT cover the motherboard. Dennis Keefer seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

4. ADJOURN

Mike Touhey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Dennis Keefer seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Anderson, Clerk, Forest Township.