

Harmony Grove Sanitary District Minutes 11-12-24

Board members present at time of roll call: Ralph Benson, Chad Wolter, Dave Busch

Employees present: Connie Sears- Administrator / Clerk-Treasurer-Water/Sewer

Others present:

1. Call to order by District Board President Benson at 6:00 p.m. Proper notice had been given in compliance with Wisconsin State Statute #19.84. Roll call was taken.
2. **Resident Input-** None
3. **Oct. 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes-** Wolter / Busch motioned to approve meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. **Water Supervisor Report-** Sears reported Lasco will be signing up for his Operator License Test. McCracken also has some continuing education classes scheduled in December.
5. **Clerk Report-** Sears reported Tax Roll letters have been sent out.
6. **Treasurer Report-** Wolter / Busch motioned to approve the Sewer and Water Operating / Income Budget Statements as presented for Oct. 2024. Motioned carried. Wolter / Busch motioned to approve the General Ledger for the Sewer and Water dated Oct. 2024 as presented. Motion carried. Wolter / Busch motioned to approve the Sewer check register for Nov. 2024, which includes check numbers 3326-3328 for a total of \$148.18, and the Water check register for Nov. 01 - Nov. 30, 2024, which includes check numbers 7161-7176 and EFT 309, for a total of \$9,236.53. Motion carried.
7. **Change meeting time from 6pm to 5pm moving forward-** Wolter motioned, Busch seconded to change monthly meeting time from 6pm to 5pm moving forward. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **Review draft 2025 Tariff from the PSC -** The Board reviewed the proposed PSC mandated full rate case study and the financial effect of the study on our tariff. It was discussed that the average user would see about a \$5.00 a quarter increase to the water portion of the bill. That is recognized as \$1.46 additional cost to the quarterly base rate for water and an \$.11 increase to cost per 1,000 gallons of water usage. The largest increase was to 2nd meters, which are currently \$3.10 a quarter and have not had a cost change since 1993. These 2nd meters will be billed at an equal amount to the first meter of \$21.18 in 2025. Public Fire Protection Levy will also see a significant increase. The PSC will be holding a public hearing for these proposed increases on Dec. 3, 2024 at 3pm. Notice of the hearing have been posted per the PSC requirements.
9. **2025 Water / Sewer Budget review for publishing** – After review of both the Water and Sewer Budgets, Wolter motioned to move forward in publication of Budgets. Busch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Future Agenda** – Open
11. **Next meeting date-** Next meeting date Tuesday Dec. 3rd, 2024 at 5:00pm – Tentatively (clerk note; meeting changed to Dec. 10, 2024 after budget hearing at 5pm)
12. Wolter / Busch motioned to adjourn; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Submitted by:

Connie Sears

District Administrator Clerk/Treasurer

12/10/2024