

**CITY OF HOBART
SANITARY DISTRICT/STORM WATER BOARD MEETING
MEETING OF May 9, 2023**

Mr. Bob Fulton called the meeting of the Hobart Sanitary District to order at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance: Mr. Phil Gralik, Mr. Jim Mandon, Mr. Joe Broadaway, Mr. Larry Gutierrez and Councilman Mark Kopil. Also, in attendance, Attorney Heather McCarthy, Mr. Tim Kingsland, Mr. Jake Dammarell; BF&S, Mr. Joe Such and Mrs. Lorie Leonard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board was presented the minutes from the April 25, 2023 meeting, Mr. Broadaway made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Mandon. All aye, motion carried. (5/0)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Board was presented the agenda for the meeting. Mr. Mandon made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Broadaway. All aye, motion carried. (5/0)

HLL STORMWATER REVIEW:

Mr. Such approached the Board as the treasurer of Hobart Little League to request the Hobart storm water fee on their tax bill be waived as they are a non-profit organization. Mr. Fulton explained that the storm water fee is calculated by the area of impervious surfaces, i.e. buildings and parking lots, etc. on the water run-off in the City. The HHL bill is calculated based on a calculation of the amount of impervious surface at the park. Mr. Fulton also clarified that it is a fee, not a tax, and there is no provision under the law to exempt non-profits of the storm water fee. After brief discussion of the land and parking, Mr. Such thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

2024 HSD BUDGET:

Mr. Fulton stated that a copy of the proposed 2024 budget was given to the Board members although it was not complete. Mr. Fulton explained to the Board that we needed to review the projects, etc. to see where we may be able to make reductions when compared to the revenue report provided by Baker Tilly. After a brief discussion, the Board was asked to forward any requests or suggestions to Mrs. Leonard prior to the next meeting.

WASTE WATER BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

The Board receive copies of the quarterly waste water billing adjustments for approval. Mr. Broadaway made a motion to approve the waste water billing adjustments, seconded by Mr. Gralik. All aye, motion carried. (5/0)

CITY ENGINEER:

Mr. Gralik explained that two bids for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project had been received and reviewed by Abonmarche. Abonmarche recommends to award the project to Performance Pipelining. The project includes a base and four alternates. Mr. Mandon expressed concern that the bid from Performance Pipelining was much lower than the other bid we received. Mr. Gralik confirmed that Abonmarche had been in contact with Performance Pipelining, and confirmed their bid. Mr. Gralik explained that entire project cost is much higher than what we have budgeted. He went on to explain the

alternates and the reasons they have been included in the project. Mr. Broadaway suggested we move forward with the base bid and alternate D which includes Third Street since it is scheduled to be reconstructed soon. Mr. Gralik agreed that the base bid and alternate D make sense at this time. Mr. Fulton suggested waiting to award the bid until the additional funds needed for the project were secured. There was a consensus to delay action until the next meeting.

HSD COORDINATOR:

Mr. Kingsland stated that our green infrastructure consultant, Davey, has initiated cleanup of all the GI sites. Davey has submitted a proposal of additional maintenance needed. Due to the lack of success regarding the no mow areas of the perimeter of City Hall, the proposal which includes 600 1-gallon plants, instead of plugs to completely redo those areas with native plants. Mr. Kingsland explained that these areas at City Hall were part of an experimental rain garden which did not do well. Mr. Kingsland explained that the proposal also included prescribed burns at Hillman Park and Deep River Park. He explained the process and need of prescribed burns. The Board members questioned the legality and/or the process of permitting a prescribed burn within the city limits. After a brief discussion, it was decided to only move forward with the planting at City Hall, and table the prescribed burns as more information is needed. Mr. Gutierrez made a motion to approve the plantings at City Hall by Davey in the amount of \$10,320, seconded by Mr. Gralik. All aye, motion carried. (5/0)

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Gralik informed the Board that he intends to bring a proposal from Absolute Pipe to clean and video sanitary sewer pipes that are not accessible from the street and require additional equipment to complete, to the Board soon.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further comments or discussion, Mr. Broadaway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gralik. All ayes, motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM.



Bob Fulton, President



Lorie Leonard