

**Brandon Board of Sewer Commissioners Meeting  
July 8, 2024**

**NOTE: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent board meeting.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Doug Bailey, Heather Nelson, Brian Coolidge, Ralph Ethier

**Others In Attendance:** Seth Hopkins, Bill Moore, Janet Coolidge, Steven Jupiter, Stephen Cijka, Susan Benedict, Jack Schneider, Linda Gebhard, Billy Bullock, Sandy Mayo

**Others by Zoom:** Sue Gage, Bruce Jenson

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Doug Bailey – Board Chair.

***a. Agenda Adoption***

**Motion** by Heather Nelson/Ralph Ethier to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

***a) Approve Minutes of Board of Sewer Commissioners Meeting – June 24, 2024***

**Motion** by Brian Coolidge/Heather Nelson to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2024 meeting. **The motion passed with one abstention – Ralph Ethier.**

**3. Purchase of Replacement Truck**

Seth Hopkins noted the Board was provided information on what management proposed to do with the wastewater and high department vehicles. Mr. Hopkins advised the oldest vehicle is in the highway department and the intent is to sell it outright. The highway department would take the 2015 wastewater truck with the diesel engine that will require some repairs and will pay the value to the wastewater department. It is proposed to use the wastewater capital fund to replace the vehicle with a gas engine and better sized truck. In reviewing the Green Fleet policy, the tow loads exceed what is rated for an electric option. Three models have been researched by the wastewater staff. The request is for the Select Board to authorize an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to procure a wastewater truck and swap out the other truck as described. Heather Nelson asked what Steve Cijka's recommendation would be for the model to purchase. Mr. Cijka's recommendation is to purchase the Ford, as they have had better luck with Fords. He also noted with the extended cab, it would allow for one vehicle to be used when the staff attends trainings and would eliminate the need to pay mileage for additional vehicles. Mr. Cijka also advised, due to the size of the flushing machine, that a larger truck is needed to transport it. Doug Bailey asked if the purchase would be local and it was noted that the Ram is located in Bennington and the Ford is located in Lebanon. These are trucks that are built and available and would not require ordering.

**Motion** by Heather Nelson/Brian Coolidge to authorize an amount not to exceed \$75,000 from the Wastewater Capital Fund to purchase a replacement truck for the Wastewater Department. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Public Comment and Participation**

There was no discussion held.

**5. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Brian Coolidge/Ralph Ethier to adjourn the Board of Sewer Commissioners meeting at 7:11PM. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant  
Recording Secretary