

Town of St Paul Council Meeting  
Special Meeting  
August 14, 2024 at 3:30 PM

Meeting was called to order by President Joshua Sangl at approximately 3:30 pm

Roll Call: All Members: President, Joshua Sangl, Timothy Ray & Kim Livingston. Also in attendance was Adina Roberts, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer as proxy for Alyssa Hall, St Paul Clerk-Treasurer. Les Day, D & S Water and Lori Young, representing Curry & Associates.

2024 Salary Ordinance given to the board by the Clerk-Treasurer's Office to complete a required task of having a valid

Salary ordinance needs to be in effect to begin 2025 budget process. A 2024 salary ordinance was presented to the board to cover all salaries that have been in effect for 2024. There was an additional line item added for a part time Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position at \$15.00 per hour. The salary ordinance will be in effect until amended at a later time. The salary ordinance will be retro active to the beginning of 2024. Motion to approve presented by Kim Livingston. Seconded by Timothy Ray. ALL in favor.

Lori Young from Curry & Associates the Town of St. Paul Engineering Company was introduced and has shown that this Engineering firm has been employed since 2015/2016.

President Sangl announce the reason for the special meeting was to discuss the Notice of Violation and Proposed Agreed Order send by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Case No. 2024-30106-W

Ms. Young gave background that the Town of St Paul was under an agreed order with IDEM previously before July 24, 2012. Idem then released the Town of St Paul from this order September 2021. The release occurred after finished improvements in 2020.

- There has always been the issue of the too much flow issues but the big problem is they added disinfection requirements and ecoli limits to the permit discharge limits. The town added a chlorination system in 2019-2020.
- Another issue was the river bend lift station pumps were old and having problems. The lift station was completely upgraded.
- There was approx 1300 feet of sewer line and manhole rehab completed.
- The Franklin Street lift station was a one pump station and then replaced with a two pump system.
- These correction were completed with a ogra grant and riverboat funds. No loans or bonds were requested. There was probably a rate increase at the time.

Les Day noted that the inspections from IDEM have gotten tougher. He believes that the root cause of the violation is the algae. You can visually see the algae. He stated we could raise the chlorine levels but it will cost more. When you add more chlorine you will need to add more dechlorine chemical before it can be released to the river. The chemicals come in 15-20 gallon barrels. We would need to find a solution or possible installation of a holding tank for the chlorine.

Outline of the issue explained by Lori Young:

States the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) and Monthly Reports of Operation (MROs) for the period August 2021 through May 2024 violations have occurred. What is being discharged from lagoons are not meeting permits limits for Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). We have a hard time meeting our limits and high flow extreme. It is combination of capacity and treatment. CBOD is organic living organisms that can cause a fish kill. TSS is a water quality concern. The algae seems to be the root problem. The capacity issues are contributed by the wet weather.

Discussion when to what we can do with the lagoons to correct this issue. Actions mentioned were Chlorine, Dechlorine, Floating Aerators, Baffles, Dredging, etc...

The treatment plant design is for 150,000 gallon capacity per day. Discussion of the age of the lagoons. Lori stated the lagoons were built in 1968. There is no record of the lagoon ever been dredged. There was a suggestion of aerators implementations.

The agreed order was read through the order to see what the Town will do to take care of the violation. We are supposed to respond with thirty days. IDEM is expecting to receive a Compliance Plan addressing this violations and how we are going to resolve the issues. The Town will need to develop a timeline of events that will bring us into compliance. The compliance timeline doesn't have to be for six months but can be as much as five years to complete the necessary upgrades needed per Lori Young.

Lori suggests to have the Town Attorney draft a letter requesting the fines be delayed. President Sangl requested that he put Lori in contact with the Town attorney to work together and get this required response completed.

Lori Young will complete a request for an extension of the thirty day deadline & request for a meeting with IDEM. She will complete the letter of request for extension and forward it on to the board for approval and then the Clerk-Treasurer will place it on letter head. The Board will then come to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office to sign the request extension.

Lori Young of Curry is will also work on the response and compliance plan/timeline along with the Town Attorney. Once the response and compliance plan is completed it will be shared with the board for approval.

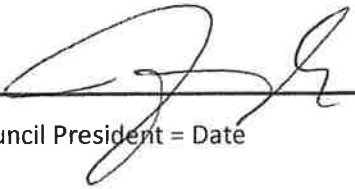
There is a possibility of becoming part of the regional water/sewer district. There is a meeting set with parties involved on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm. The outcome of this meeting will determine what will need to be included in the compliance plan.

President Josh Sangl adjourned meeting approximately 5:00 pm


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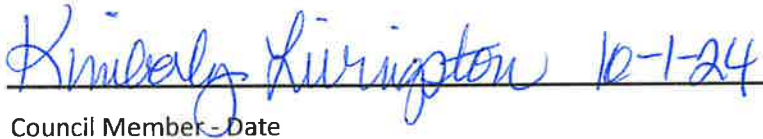
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