

Madison County Government  
**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #1**  
301 E. Chain of Rocks Rd.  
Granite City, IL 62040

Committee Meeting  
April 1, 2021

**Eric Foster, Chairman** called the meeting to order with roll call.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jamie Goggin  
Matthew King (arrived after meeting started via virtual)  
Christopher Hankins  
Denise Wiehardt

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bob Falk, Superintendent  
Brian Nottrott, Supervisor  
Lori Rujawitz, Office Manager  
Julie Roberts, Secretary III  
Scott Weiner, Engineer  
John Hanson, Attorney  
Mike Pagano, Mayor  
Gina Suermann  
Linda Knogl

The March 2021 minutes were reviewed and stand as approved.

The Purchase Order Report was reviewed and a motion was made by Chris Hankins, seconded by Denise Wiehardt to approve. A roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

**AYES:** J. Goggin, C. Hankins, D. Wiehardt, E. Foster

**NAYS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

The bill list for March 2021 was approved with a motion made by Chris Hankins, seconded by Denise Wiehardt. A roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

**AYES:** J. Goggin, M. King, C. Hankins, D. Wiehardt, E. Foster

**NAYS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Balance Sheet for February 2021 was reviewed and approved with a motion made by Chris Hankins, seconded by Matt King. A roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Chris Hankins noted a loss this month. In discussion it is an accumulated total for the year and several large expenditures such as the Lake Bores and Screw Body Replacements are reflecting now.

**AYES:** J. Goggin, M. King, C. Hankins, D. Wiehardt, E. Foster

**NAYS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Brian Nottrott, Supervisor discussed an ongoing situation in Arlington Heights where a sewer line separated. In an attempt to repair we had to do some dewatering and bypass pumping. We believe the Township put a dry pit directly above the water and sewer line. In time we think this eroded and caused the problem.

Bob Falk, Superintendent believes this may be the beginning of ongoing problems with the sewer lines in Arlington. The lines are clay tile and the water table is high and we have sump pump issues.

Brian Nottrott, Supervisor explained during the bypass pumping in Arlington Heights the Godwin pump stopped working. It is currently in the shop being looked at for repair. A new pump would cost approximately \$55,000. Looking at a couple of vendors that may have some used ones with low hours for cost savings.

Scott Weiner, Engineer gave a status update on the Lake Bores Project with surface restoration to be complete soon. There was some delay due to rain.

**Old Business – None**

**New Business – None**

### **Public Comments**

Mike Pagano, Mayor of Pontoon Beach discussed an ongoing issue with sewer backups. He addressed the committee approximately 3 years ago and was told there was nothing wrong with the system. He indicated in looking himself found problems walking within areas with problems. He found two large openings in the swells where storm water was going into the sewer system. During the last rain and every heavy rain there are manhole covers moving on Lake Drive from the rain water in the sewer lines. He believes there is an infiltration problem somewhere and ground water is getting into a closed system. The Mayor volunteered to walk problem areas with maps provided from Juneau and Associates to investigate where there could be a problem. He does not believe the problem of this magnitude is from resident's pumping sump pumps into sewer system.

Gina Suermann, a resident on Kaseberg addressed the committee in regards to a sewer back up on March 18, 2021. She indicated she purchased home in October 2018. She noticed during heavy rains water would bubble up in the toilet and bath tub. In August of 2019 she had a sewer back up filed a claim and was denied stating that all SSA#1 equipment was working and running efficiently. March 18, 2021 again a heavy rain. Water was pouring again out of the toilet and bath tub. The insurance coverage covered \$8,000 worth of damage with estimates now over \$12,000. The inconvenience of having to live with small children in an RV during clean up etc. is not easy. There was 5" of water throughout the house and it's not acceptable with having a back flow valve etc. to prevent these issues. She mentioned she has video of her line that shows water in the main sewer line being full 2 days after the rain.

Bob Falk, Superintendent indicated we have a project in place to get grants for re-lining of the sewer lines in the Oakmont, Kathy and Bruene area, which also connects to Lake Dr. He also mentioned our TV truck rolls out each day to TV lines etc. looking for infiltration, broken taps, etc.

Both the Mayor and Gina the resident asked why claims are denied when back-ups occur. Bob explained our safety and risk department base the claims on whether or not our equipment, pumps etc. are working. During these heavy rains our equipment is running and we have made repairs to broken taps. The relining in the Oakmont area will improve on Lake Dr. once that project is funded.

Chris Hankins suggested getting a map of that particular area and a few of the board members walk the area to locate any problems. Bob Falk, Superintendent will provide access to GIS information via SSA#1 IPAD to show manholes, lines etc.

Mayor Pagano also asked that SSA#1 help give some relief with costs when she files her claim to get some of her money back. Bob Falk, Superintendent agreed to pay for the assessment by a licensed plumber to insure proper back flow equipment is installed at the resident's house.

Chris Hankins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt King. **MOTION CARRIED**