

**SHETEK AREA  
WATER  
&  
SEWER  
COMMISSION**

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## Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission Agenda

*Meeting Date:* **August 8, 2022**  
*Time:* **4:00 p.m.**  
*Location:* **Meeting Room B  
Murray County Gov. Bldg.  
Slayton, MN 56172**

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### Agenda:

- A. Call Meeting To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approve Agenda
- D. Identify any Conflicts of Interest
- E. Approval of Minutes
  - a. July 11, 2022 SAWS Meeting
- F. Treasurer's Report/Cash Flow
  - a. Approval of Invoices
  - b. Approval of Recurring Invoices
- G. Engineer's Report
- H. Other
  - a. Preliminary 2023 Budget
  - b. Rate Review
  - c. August Newsletter
  - d. Delayed Hookup Update
  - e. Brett Huber Development
  - f. Campers on Lots without Sewer Connection
- I. Set Next Meeting Date
  - a. September 12, 2022 at 4:00 pm
- J. Adjourn

*Thank you for your time, interest, and participation.*

## **Regular Meeting of the Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission July 11, 2022**

**Members present:** Donna Kor, Jon Hoyme, Trevor Humphrey, Dave Maguire

**Members absent:** Jamie Thomazin, Greg Grant

**Others:** Dave Brown, Jean Christoffels, Lori Gunnink, Molly Malone

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Donna Kor at 4:00 PM.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

### **Agenda:**

- **Motion (7/11/22a)** Moved by Dave Maguire, seconded by Trevor Humphrey to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Minutes:**

- **Motion (7/11/22b)** Moved by Dave Maguire, seconded by Trevor Humphrey to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Treasurers report:**

- **Motion (7/11/22c)** Moved by Trevor Humphrey, seconded by Dave Maguire to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$47,903.79. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion (7/11/22d)** Moved by Trevor Humphrey, seconded by Dave Maguire to approve payment of the recurring invoices totaling \$12,717.18. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Engineers report:**

1. Dave Brown discussed some smell issues with the temporary repair on Lift Station 1.
  - **Motion (7/11/22e)** Moved by Dave Maguire, seconded by Trevor Humphrey to proceed with the repairs. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend was very busy.
3. Some discussion occurred regarding the sewer connection at 23 Sandbar Road.
4. Overall, there are 6 new connections in progress and 5 more yet to go.
5. The Board discussed the potential new subdivisions on the west side of Lake Sarah and the inlet of Lake Shetek. Further discussion will occur at the August meeting once Dave Brown has had a chance to look into the cost of expansion.

### **Other:**

1. The Board review the delinquent sewer bill list.
  - **Motion (7/11/22f)** Moved by Trevor Humphrey, seconded by Dave Maguire to approve the letter to be sent out to the delinquent sewer bills. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Rate Review/Preliminary Budget subcommittee will meet on Thursday, July 14 at 7:30 a.m. to discuss the 2023 budget and rates. Jon Hoyme and Trevor Humphrey volunteered to be on the subcommittee.
  - **Motion (7/11/22g)** Moved by Dave Maguire, seconded by Trevor Humphrey to approve the subcommittee of Jon Hoyme and Trevor Humphrey to meet with Jean Christoffels to discuss the 2023 budget and rates. Motion carried unanimously.

**Next meeting:** August 8, 2022 at 4:00 PM

**Adjourn:**

- **Motion (7/11/22h)** Moved by Dave Maguire, seconded by Trevor Humphrey to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Hoyme  
Shetek Area Water & Sewer Commission Secretary



### Operating Budget Breakdown

		2023 Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actual (through 06-30-2022)	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2019 Actual	2018 Actual
<b>Expenditures</b>										
92-392-000-0000-6105	Meeting Per Diems	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,035.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,505.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,820.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 6,005.00
92-392-000-0000-6171	Social Security	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 151.92	\$ 500.00	\$ 317.51	\$ 500.00	\$ 190.95	\$ 446.39	\$ 450.90
92-392-000-0000-6172	Medicare	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 35.50	\$ 120.00	\$ 74.32	\$ 120.00	\$ 44.78	\$ 104.51	\$ 105.22
92-392-000-0000-6201	Telephone	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,793.57	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,310.74	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,701.96	\$ 3,448.31	\$ 3,990.68
92-392-000-0000-6202	Murray County - Postage	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,562.19	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,090.94	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,645.00	\$ 3,572.22	\$ 3,402.62
92-392-000-0000-6241	Advertising & Legal Notices	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 48.00	
92-392-000-0000-6251	Electricity	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 8,109.31	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,284.69	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 16,044.64	\$ 16,856.46	\$ 18,597.96
92-392-000-0000-6260	Legal Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 544.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 864.00	\$ 5,149.60	\$ 5,569.15
92-392-000-0000-6260	Maintenance Provider	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 54,427.50	\$ 106,200.00	\$ 107,527.50	\$ 106,200.00	\$ 106,200.00	\$ 103,500.00	\$ 102,600.00
92-392-000-0000-6260	Murray County - Billing	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 3,614.38	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,566.08	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,181.44	\$ 8,417.28	\$ 8,326.08
92-392-000-0000-6260	Murray County - Recording	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 184.00	\$ 184.00
92-392-000-0000-6260	MVTL - Water and Pond Testing	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,041.75	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,297.50	\$ 2,235.00	\$ 2,630.50
92-392-000-0000-6260	Bolton & Menk	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 6,880.00	\$ 1,825.00
92-392-000-0000-6260	Pettipiece & Associates	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 33.50	\$ 1,050.00
92-392-000-0000-6260	Other Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 33.50	\$ 1,050.00
92-392-000-0000-6267	Auditing Fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,382.25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,640.50	\$ 1,872.75	\$ 1,723.75
92-392-000-0000-6286	Permits & License Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00	
92-392-000-0000-6306	Parts & Repairs	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 63,331.50	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 63,697.38	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 44,879.26	\$ 15,527.96	
92-392-000-0000-6331	Mileage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 415.61	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 616.51	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 259.16	\$ 1,350.82	\$ 1,266.33
92-392-000-0000-6342	Autopay	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
92-392-000-0000-6342	Gopher One	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 205.25	\$ 750.00	\$ 495.50	\$ 750.00	\$ 421.25	\$ 428.00	\$ 258.95
92-392-000-0000-6342	Computer Professionals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 954.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,908.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,848.00	\$ 1,848.00	\$ 1,848.00
92-392-000-0000-6351	Insurance	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,492.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 11,269.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,979.00	\$ 5,647.00	\$ 4,801.00
92-392-000-0000-6351	Insurance Membership	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,045.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,975.00	\$ 1,954.00	\$ 1,878.00
92-392-000-0000-6401	Office Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 37.14	\$ 250.00	\$ 37.14	\$ 24.76	\$ 259.22
92-392-000-0000-6401	Billing Cards	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 772.44	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 708.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 704.91		\$ 695.05
92-392-000-0000-6478	Other - Aluminum Sulfate	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 36.87	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 746.90
92-392-000-0000-6502	Aggregates		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00			
92-392-000-0000-6511	Weed Spray, Seeds, Plants & Fertilizer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 177.40	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 165.66	\$ 1,025.66	\$ 57.73
92-392-000-0000-6562	Pumps	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 87,558.57	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 57,953.78	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 51,592.53	\$ 70,406.61	\$ 88,979.40
92-392-000-0000-6566	Diesel	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 643.19	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,422.88	
92-392-000-0000-6615	Easements - Currie	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
92-392-000-0000-6650	Equipment	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 67,855.65	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,521.46			\$ 36,058.75	
92-392-000-0000-6803	Miscellaneous Expense		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 255.55	\$ 659.86
92-392-000-0000-6805	Sales Tax Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,672.66	\$ 17.19	\$ 3,129.79
92-392-000-0000-6891	Refunds & Reimbursements	\$ 1,500.00				\$ 3,206.00				
92-392-000-0000-6903	PFA Replacement Fund		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 9,271.95	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 15,251.18	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 18,749.30	\$ 24,932.87	\$ 24,467.78
92-392-000-0000-6911	Transfers Out to Governmental Funds	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 87,500.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 5,384.22	\$ 8,737.73	\$ 2,665.14
92-394-000-0000-6911	Transfers Out to Governmental Funds					\$ 170,710.00				
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 469,570.00</b>	<b>\$ 546,670.00</b>	<b>\$ 323,441.44</b>	<b>\$ 438,470.00</b>	<b>\$ 743,838.79</b>	<b>\$ 415,220.00</b>	<b>\$ 288,501.42</b>	<b>\$ 568,094.71</b>	<b>\$ 457,254.44</b>

92-393-000-0000-6710	PFA Loan - Principal	\$ 493,000.00	\$ 525,000.00		\$ 551,000.00	\$ 473,000.00	\$ 557,000.00	\$ 472,206.75	\$ 551,000.00	\$ 545,000.00
92-393-000-0000-6711	Prepaid Assessments (PFA)	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 117,508.04	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 78,910.47	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 26,328.80	\$ 51,172.55	\$ 143,037.51
92-393-000-0000-6712	PFA Loan - Interest	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 12,573.95	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 30,454.35	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 35,650.70	\$ 41,682.05	\$ 48,178.77
92-394-000-0000-6701	GO Note - Principal	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 225,000.00
92-394-000-0000-6702	GO Note - Interest	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 17,438.75	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 37,227.50	\$ 44,500.00	\$ 41,927.50	\$ 46,577.50	\$ 51,127.50
92-394-000-0000-6703	Other Debt Service Charges			\$ 495.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 495.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 903,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 910,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 388,015.74</b>	<b>\$ 1,011,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 855,087.32</b>	<b>\$ 933,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 811,608.75</b>	<b>\$ 920,927.10</b>	<b>\$ 1,012,838.78</b>

### Revenues

92-392-000-0000-5172	SAWS Porta-Potty Permit	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00				
92-392-000-0000-5564	Delinquent Sewer Utility Charges - Maintenance (SAWS)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,349.43	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,941.23	\$ 1,460.90	\$ 6,313.79
92-392-000-0000-5566	Curb Stop/Hot Tap Certificates	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
92-392-000-0000-5568	Sewer Utility Charges - Maintenance (SAWS) 60%	\$ 415,500.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 206,366.64	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 388,343.17	\$ 411,365.00	\$ 362,835.42	\$ 317,338.50	\$ 306,483.93
92-392-000-0000-5710	Interest Distribution	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,773.66	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,323.54	\$ 6,951.69	\$ 3,054.35
92-392-000-0000-5846	Scrap Metal Sales				\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00			
92-392-000-0000-5855	Insurance Dividend				\$ 500.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 500.00			
92-392-000-0000-5861	Reimbursements			\$ 18.06		\$ 231.25			\$ 2,067.82	\$ 3,894.36
92-392-000-0000-5863	Reimbursements - Insurance								\$ 47,356.43	\$ 32,312.00
92-393-000-0000-5051	Special Assessments Principal (PFA) 80%	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 221,303.07	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 376,783.74	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 368,478.81	\$ 363,912.51	\$ 351,357.91
92-393-000-0000-5053	Special Assessments Penalties (PFA) 80%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 372.87	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,009.95	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 983.13	\$ 1,022.66	\$ 1,559.16
92-393-000-0000-5055	Special Assessments Interest (PFA)	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 58,876.24	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 114,901.68	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 126,858.09	\$ 140,459.26	\$ 151,117.68
92-393-000-0000-5058	Prepaid Assessments (PFA)	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 30,854.38	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 143,378.41	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 58,237.95	\$ 41,154.13	\$ 53,441.59
92-393-000-0000-5061	Delinquent Ass. Principal (PFA)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,301.38	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,075.79	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 2,600.16	\$ 3,676.03	\$ 2,258.06
92-393-000-0000-5063	Delinquent Ass. Penalties (PFA)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 574.06	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 340.43	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 408.13	\$ 842.03	\$ 428.17
92-393-000-0000-5065	Delinquent Ass. Interest (PFA)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,072.46	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 695.97	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,032.76	\$ 1,535.20	\$ 1,110.87
92-393-000-0000-5564	Delinquent Sewer Utility Charges - Maintenance (PFA)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 719.67	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,568.63	\$ 779.14	\$ 3,367.32
92-393-000-0000-5569	Sewer Utility Charges - Maintenance (PFA) 32%	\$ 221,600.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 110,062.14	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 207,116.58	\$ 219,395.00	\$ 193,512.24	\$ 169,191.94	\$ 163,458.42
92-394-000-0000-5052	Special Assessments Principal (County)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 55,325.99	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 94,196.35	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 92,120.08	\$ 90,978.52	\$ 87,839.85
92-394-000-0000-5054	Special Assessments Penalties (County)	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 93.30	\$ 750.00	\$ 252.79	\$ 650.00	\$ 245.98	\$ 255.89	\$ 390.00
92-394-000-0000-5056	Special Assessments Interest (County)	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 14,719.23	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 28,725.84	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 31,714.89	\$ 35,115.21	\$ 37,779.80
92-394-000-0000-5059	Special Assessments Prepaids (County)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,713.59	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 46,358.60	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,559.48	\$ 20,247.52	\$ 13,360.42
92-394-000-0000-5062	Delinquent Ass. Principal (County)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 825.39	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 518.99	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 650.10	\$ 919.07	\$ 564.58
92-394-000-0000-5064	Delinquent Ass. Penalties (County)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 143.58	\$ 500.00	\$ 85.14	\$ 390.00	\$ 102.09	\$ 210.58	\$ 107.10
92-394-000-0000-5066	Delinquent Ass. Interest (County)	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 268.17	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 174.04	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 258.24	\$ 383.84	\$ 277.77

# Shetek Area Water and Sewer District 2023 Rates (Proposed)

## Residential Sewer Utility Rates

Monthly Base Charge ( ): \$ 73.00

## Non-Residential Sewer Utility Rates

Monthly Base Charge (by grinder pump size) ( ):

Single Pump – Low Usage	\$ 90.00
Single Pump – High Usage	\$ 164.00
Dual Pump – Low Usage	\$ 256.00
Dual Pump – High Usage	\$ 328.00

## Late Fees

10% of Past Due Amount per Month (2/09/15h)

## Curb Stop/ Hot Tap Permit Fee

\$125.00 per Permit

## Sewer Access Charge (SAC) Fee

\$11,101.00 (2023 Rate) (04/09/20i)

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## Annual 3% utility rates increase as of January 1, 2023

On August 8, 2022, the SAWS Board conducted their annual review of O&M costs, Debt Service needs, and evaluation of sewer rates in a continued effort to meet operating and debt requirements. During the review, they determined a minimal 3% utility rate increase was necessary for 2023. As a reminder, a minimum future 3% annual rate increase was proposed by the consultant, who reviewed the financial status of the District in 2021. The 2023 utility rates are **below**.

Year	2023 Rates
<b>Pump type</b>	
Residential	\$73.00
<b>Commercial</b>	
Single - Low	\$90.00
Single - High	\$164.00
Double - Low	\$256.00
Double - High	\$328.00

## Voice your Opinion on District Matters

The Shetek Area Water & Sewer Commission has one openings for permanent resident on the Board. To apply, please complete the application form included with this newsletter and return to the Murray County Administrator's Office. You can also mail it to the address below.

Murray County Administrator's Office  
2848 Broadway Avenue  
P.O. Box 57  
Slayton, MN 56172

## REMINDER:

Please remember to keep a clearing of 5 feet surrounding your grinder station to allow maintenance activities to safely occur. While we try our best not to cause any damages during maintenance, the District is not responsible for any damages due to lack of an appropriate clearing surrounding your grinder station.

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## Be sure to check your label

Please **check the label** with our maintenance provider's contact information **on your grinder control box**. If yours is faded or damaged, please contact Dave Brown at 507-760-0071 for a replacement. If an after-hours emergency strikes, it's important to be able to reach him.

## SAWS Board Meetings

Regular meetings of the SAWS Board are held at 4:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in Conference Room B of the Murray County Government Center. Agendas are posted on the bulletin boards in the Murray County Government Center and on the SAWS website at [murraycountymn.com/saws](http://murraycountymn.com/saws)

## Avoid Late Fees by signing up for Automatic Payments

Ever misplaced a bill only to find it the day after it's due? Avoid potential late fees by signing up for automatic payments. If interested, please call the Murray County Auditor's Office at 507-836-1154.

## Help Control Maintenance Costs

### ◆ Flush your grinder station to help reduce corrosion.

When closing your cabin for the season or leaving for an extended period of time, run about 30 gallons of water into the grinder station to activate the pump. This will pump the sewage out of the grinder basin and help reduce grinder corrosion.

### ◆ Keep the power on to protect your investment.

Leave the power on to the grinder at all times even in winter. It is better for the pump and will help protect against sewer backups.

### ◆ Mark your station location for easier maintenance.

Before the snow flies, please mark your grinder station so it can be easily located if maintenance is required over the winter.

### ◆ Pump sounding louder than normal?

Please call the maintenance provider at 507-760-0071 to run a check on your pump.

## Questions?

Please contact any of the Board members listed on the front side of this newsletter.



## 2022 Delayed Hookups

Parcel	Last Name	First Name	Property Address	Address	City	State	Zip	Inspection Date	Expiring	
15.002.002.5	Grogan	Jody	21 Vallalla Rd	38 Pleasant View Rd	Slayton	MIN	56172	7/21/2022	7/21/2025	Inspection submitted

**In Progress:**

13.170.010.0	KleinhesseLink	Michael & Kay	60 River Park Rd	4051 Jackson Ave	Orange City	IA	51041	Property transfer 11/29/21 - formerly Ed & Kathy Breidt		Connected 7/27/22
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July 27, 2022

Jean M. Christoffels  
Murray County Zoning/Environmental Administrator  
2500 28th Street – PO Box 57  
Slayton, MN 56172

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Dear Jean:

Per your instructions, please accept this letter as my formal request to appear before the Sewer Board at their upcoming August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

As you are aware, I have proposed the Sunrise Shores subdivision on the Westside of Lake Sarah. It's a very small development consisting of seven lots and my planned personal homesite. Thank you for working with me through this process.

As you are also aware, we have met virtually all plat requirements per county ordinance and regulation and the planning and zoning board have approved us to go forward to the next step of a public hearing.

However, the final and arguably most important issue to be addressed for this proposed addition remains unresolved. That is the issue of sewer and thus prompts my request to speak with the Sewer board next month.

By way of background, my lot number five in block two of my subdivision is within 1500 feet of an existing sewer line. I understand through discussions with you, members of the planning zoning board and members of the County Commission that we are all in agreement the best way to handle the sewer on my project (and the adjacent County Park) is by extending the rural sewer; certainly, the best answer for the health of the lake. Sadly, I also understand that the one property owner with that 1500 feet is opposed to allowing the sewer extension and has thwarted or refused all attempts to find resolution.

Thus far, this single landowner has been allowed to exercise "veto authority" on a public works project which would benefit many and be the best for the lake. This in the face of many alternatives and approaches including some that would have NO impact on their land and would provide them free sewer hook-up and/or allow them to choose not to hook-up at all. Yet they have refused participation effectively ceasing progress on the system and development in the area. The last glaring example was the County's own development of the Sundquist County Park which resulted in a mound system (least effective treatment) being put in only possible after a gift of adjacent land (from the parcel I purchased) and at considerable expense.

I believe it incumbent upon us all to rectify this issue and extend the line as originally envisioned and supported by current facts and fairness. The development rural sewer in our area occurred to transition away from septic systems near our public waterbodies and minimize the possibility of groundwater contamination to our area lakes. I

completely concur and I am a proponent of rural sewer. It is by far the most responsible way to treat development, be it my proposal or those that will surely follow, in these crucial habitat areas. In addition, it would allow the county park to be served by rural sewer instead of subjecting the mound system in place to the heavy use and what will certainly be a deleterious effect on the lake water quality over time.

I look forward to having this discussion with the sewer board on August 8. Thank you for placing me on their agenda. Jean, I would appreciate you sharing with them the information that we've garnered on this issue and my subdivision proposal thus far.

It seems to me that once the facts are all presented the only reasonable conclusion for what's best for the health of Lake Sarah, most fairly serves similarly situated property owners (provides parity), promotes the development that the county comprehensive plan supports, fits within the planning and zoning for the area, and continues to validate and support the rural sewer district, is finding a way to extend the line on the south shore of Lake Sarah to serve this area and it's future development; an area already too long left without.

Thank you again for your help in this matter. I look forward to continuing to work with you and the various levels of Murray County Government as we work to bring this small, but highly desired, addition to completion. Should either you or the Sewer Board members need additional information or have questions, I am available at your convenience.

Respectfully,

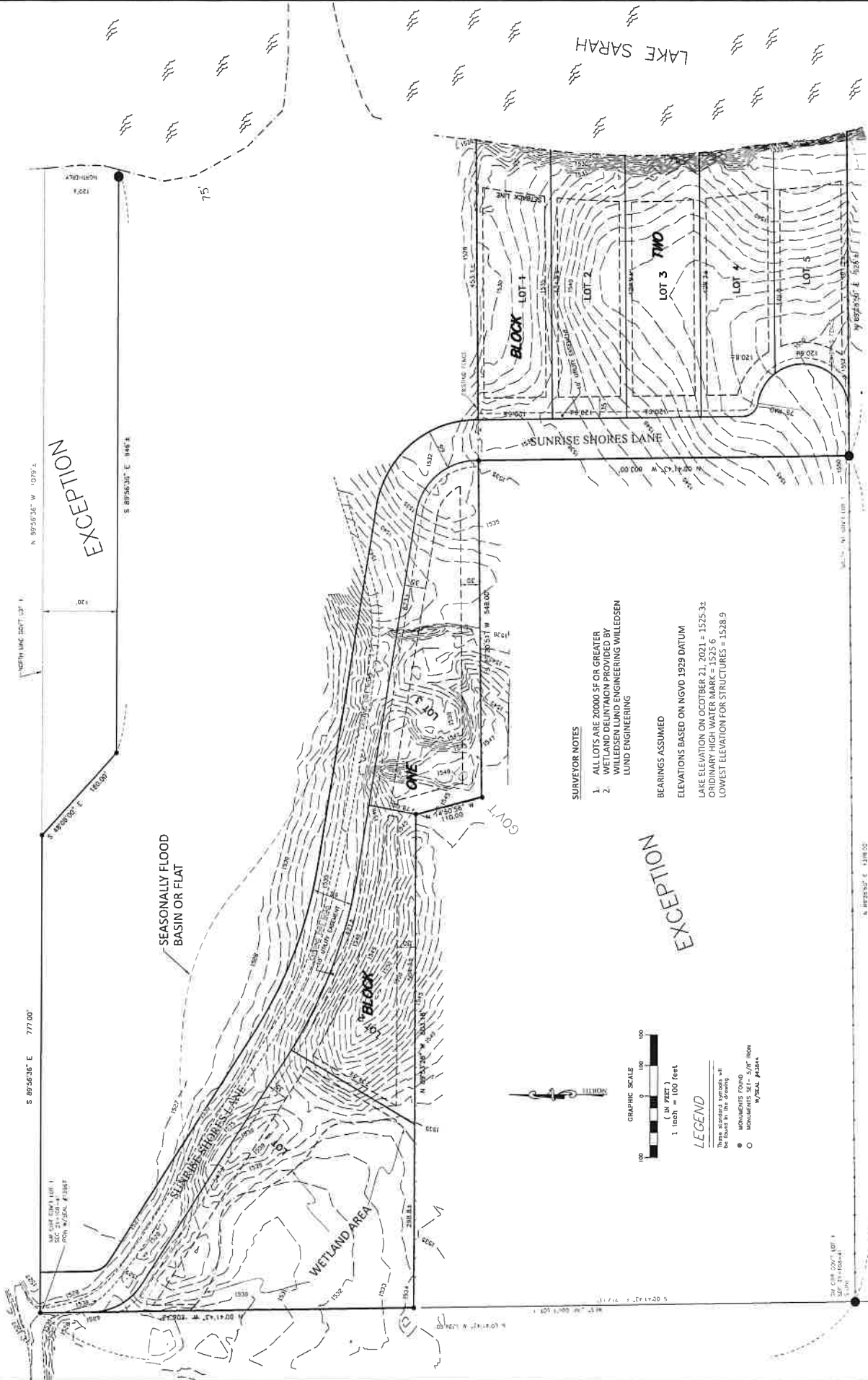
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cc: Murray County Commissioners  
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Maria Grogan, Lake Sarah Township Board Chair  
Lynn A. Johnson, Attorney at Law

# PRELIMINARY PLAT OF SUNRISE SHORES ADDITION

A part of Government Lot 1  
in Section 21-108-41, Murray County, Minnesota.

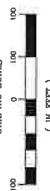


**SURVEYOR NOTES**

1. ALL LOTS ARE 20000 SF OR GREATER
2. WETLAND DELINEATION PROVIDED BY WILLEDSEN LUND ENGINEERING WILLEDSEN LUND ENGINEERING

**BEARINGS ASSUMED**

ELEVATIONS BASED ON NGVD 1929 DATUM  
LAKE ELEVATION ON OCTOBER 21, 2021 = 1525.32  
ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK = 1525.6  
LOWEST ELEVATION FOR STRUCTURES = 1528.9



**LEGEND**

- Three standard symbols as shown in the drawing
- MONUMENTS FOUND
- MONUMENTS NOT FOUND
- WORKAL PLACES

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