

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sarepta met in regular session Thursday September 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Sarepta, LA.

Present: Mayor Adkins, Michael Corley, Melanie Dean, Heath Warford and Claire Lay  
Also present: Charlie Taylor, John Smith, Eddie Dunn, Bob Seiple, Casey Warford, Ruby Warford

Absent: David Neal

Mayor Adkins called the meeting to order and Michael Corley opened with prayer. Heath Warford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Peggy Adkins asked to amend the agenda to add Ruby Warford and Melanie Dean. Claire Lay made the motion to approve; seconded by Michael Corley. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Claire Lay read the minutes from the August regular meeting. Michael Corley made a motion to approve the minutes as read after a correction. Claire Lay seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Financial Statements of all funds, including a current budget vs actual, were reviewed. Claire Lay made a motion to approve financial statements as presented, seconded by Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Peggy Adkins presented the board with the following resolution. The Town of Sarepta would like to apply for the LGAP grant to help repair our sewer levee.

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

### **A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION (LGAP)**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sarepta having duly met in authorized regular session Tuesday, September 10, 2020 to formally apply for and accept a grant application provided by the Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance program (LGAP) for the following:

#### **FIX SEWER LEVEE**

Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sarepta says the repairs will help keep the sewer ponds from over flowing during heavy rain.

Thus granted on a motion made by Melanie Dean and seconded by Michael Corley and when called to a vote, motion was carried as follows:

YEAS: 4  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: David Neal

Twyla Mims stated that the resolution was incorrect and we needed to bring the millage up again at the next board meeting. Mayor Peggy Adkins presented the board with the following Millage rate. Michael Corley made a motion to approve, seconded by Melanie Dean. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

#### MILLAGE

MILL KEY 5226001	GENERAL ALIMONY	7.78 MILLS
MILL KEY 5226004	SEWERS, STS, PARKS, REC.	13.86 MILLS

Mayor Peggy Adkins asked the board to hire Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Totenberg as our new auditors. Claire Lay made a motion to approve, seconded by Melanie Dean. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Peggy Adkins requested that the new office hours be 9-3 Monday through Thursday and Fridays 9-12. Heath Warford made the motion to approve; seconded by Melanie Dean. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Peggy Adkins called Ruby Warford to speak. Ruby Warford asked the board if they would allow her to put a small enclosed stand in the town square to house books for people to check out free of charge. Community members would be allowed to check out and/or add their own books to it. Ruby Warford would be responsible for the up keep of the stand. Michael Corley made the motion to approve; seconded by Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Melanie Dean presented the board with the following Ordinance she would like passed.

### **SAREPTA - ALDERMAN PAY ORDINANCE**

An Alderman may miss three (3) meetings per year and be paid. After the third missed meeting, the Alderman will not receive pay for any additional missed meetings during the year. For this purpose, a year is considered January through December.

As an Alderman, our presence at monthly meetings should be a priority as an elected representative serving our townspeople.

Unforeseen circumstances may prevent one from attending an occasional meeting. Having an allowance of three absences with pay per 12-month period is very generous because that person has already been paid for three meetings not attended.

Heath Warford made the motion to approve; seconded by Claire Lay. Michael Corley opposed. The vote being 3-1 motion was carried.

There being no further business, Michael Corley made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried

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Peggy Adkins, Mayor

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Charlie Taylor, Clerk