

# 2021 IVSD Newsletter

It's been an eventful 2020 for the Island View Sanitary District. Kudos to the lift station operators (Jim Latta, Jim Merten, Jerry Tribbey, Troy Hamidi, Kyn Anthony, Joe Olszewski and Roger Brey) who have kept the system operating well all year, to customers being diligent about what should go into the sewer, and to residents who have reported problems to the head lift station operator and/or commissioners.

The District has added new customers on Channel View and Chesapeake Court, bringing the number of households being served to 293.

Aging infrastructure and careless use of toilets and sinks, though, have led to considerable maintenance costs. Sump pumps that are connected to house laterals are prohibited and cause increases in flow and higher payments to the City of Oshkosh, costs borne by all residents.

## Here's a brief look at 2020

January: Breaker tripping at Lift Station 2 continues to be a pesky problem.

February: Julie Rosenau takes over as Business Secretary, plug valve and check valve replaced in Lift Station 1.

March: Several IVSD people meet with the City to discuss lift station repair and maintenance.

April: Great Lakes TV and Seal photographs wet well at Lift Station 1 to assess condition of pipes and metal; photos show considerable deterioration. District holds the first ever virtual meeting via Zoom because of the Covid-19 pandemic. IVSD decides not to assess late payment fees for 2nd and 3rd quarter due to hardships caused by pandemic.

May: IVSD employees meet with City employees to discuss repair/replacement of Lift Station 1; Tom Konrad chairs an ad hoc committee to address issues at Lift Station 1; Vicky Rowe chairs an ad hoc committee to investigate past agreements with the City and IVSD; the district interviews potential candidates for head lift station operator position. Jeff Kellner of McMahan Engineering conducted ultrasounds on the metal at all three lift stations. Commissioners hire Tribbey as lift station operator.

June: Commissioners accept Brey's resignation as head lift station operator; Latta and Tribbey named head and assistant head lift station operator, respectively; Great Lakes photographs Lift Station 2 and 3 wet wells to assess deterioration of pipes and metal.

July: IVSD resident Melanie Krawiec composes a one-page flyer for the district which lists do's and don'ts for maintaining a clean sanitary system.

August: Wolter Power Systems installs new main board in the transfer box at Lift Station 1.

September: MM Services installs anodes at Lift Station 1.

October: Sabel Mechanical replaces two suction pipes and a discharge pipe at Lift Station 1.

November: Sabel replaces check valve at Lift Station 1.

December: Commissioners adopt budget for 2021--\$167,021.

## Major expenditures (approximately \$41,000)

Sabel Mechanical Repairs Lift Station 1: \$20,121 (suction pipes), \$6,904 (discharge pipe)

MM installs anodes: \$3,300, anodes cost \$440 for four

Energenics replaces check and plug valves: \$4,000 (February)

Sabel Mechanical replaces check valve: \$2,185.61 (October)

Great Lakes photographs wet wells: \$650 for Lift Station 1, \$955.95 for Lift Stations 2 and 3

Wolter Power replaces board at Lift Station 1--\$1,418.93

Witzke Electric replaces transformer at Lift Station 2--\$930

Customers are again asked to exercise good sense when using sinks and toilets, reminded to send sump pump water to ditches, channels and the lake only, and to keep grease from going down sink drains.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a healthy 2021. If you are interested in becoming an IVSD commissioner, please let us know. The three of us are not getting any younger!

Ron Harrell, Thomas Konrad and Vicky Rowe