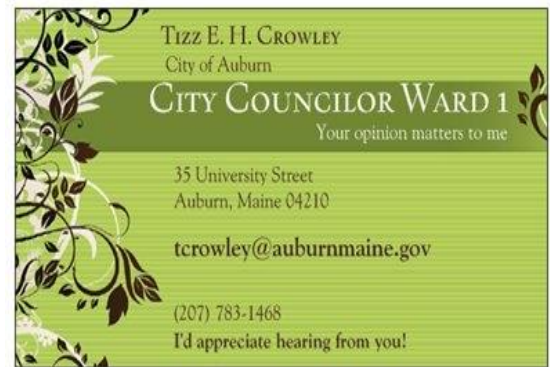


## Auburn Sewerage District Report for Meeting Tuesday 2015.09.08

**TO:** Residents of Auburn and the Auburn City Council  
**FROM:** Tizz E. H. Crowley- Auburn City Council Ward 1



The Auburn Sewerage District Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at the District office- on Court Street. Just a reminder- these meetings are open to the public. There is always an open session on the agenda.

The Sewerage District, along with the City of Lewiston, submitted the 15 year Clean Water master plan to the Maine DEP. Auburn has asked for an additional 5 years to work on the results of our Infiltration/Inflow project. The Board of Trustees has committed \$2.5million over the next 5 years towards elimination from these situations. Lewiston still has 12 actives CSO and will continue to eliminate these. The goal of all these efforts is to reduce our storm water runoffs in order to avoid having to upgrade the treatment plant.

The Board of Trustees approved a new collection policy and procedure for delinquent accounts. Specific details can be found in the agenda packet posted on line.

The Board discussed the request from the Auburn City Clerk regarding procedures and distribution of information about the District work. Like AWD, we do not get municipal funding, but we do follow all the requested procedures as a routine part of our business conduct.

**Sewer Tip of the Month (source- A1 Exterminators):** Sewer Rats, Norway Rats, and Brown Rats are all the same Rat!

There are the instances that sewer rats may have already gotten into your house; if that's the case there are some things you can do to get rid of the problem. One of the best methods to get rid of sewer rats is to contact your local pest control service. Sewer rats are tricky, dirty rodents. We hope that you don't encounter these problems, but if you do, you'll know what you're in for; and these tips will help prevent you from having a sewer rat problem in the first place.

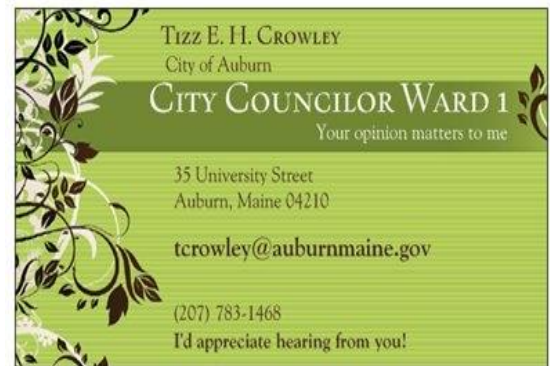
- Check around your house for any openings, such as holes, cracks or crevices. Rats can get into a home in an opening as small as a quarter.
- Also check your vegetation as sewer rats will dig burrows underneath things planted in the ground as well. Remember they can dig down three feet.
- Sewer rats like dog and cat food, if there are food bowls left outside for your animal there is a high possibility sewer rats will stop by. Your pet's water bowls especially attract sewer rats.
- Make sure to clean trash cans, sheds and crawlspaces on a regular basis. Also make sure that these areas are always dry, and closed tightly.
- Rats will eat anything so ensure to clean up thoroughly after parties on your patio.
- Keep a clean and sanitized house and yard. Any presence of garbage will attract rats.

Addressing the risk of rats before their arrival is the best approach to avoiding the challenges of removal.

As always, Mr. Mayor- Thank you for the opportunity to serve in your place.

**Auburn Water District Report for Meeting Tuesday 2015.09.08**

**TO:** Residents of Auburn and the Auburn City Council  
**FROM:** Tizz E. H. Crowley- Auburn City Council Ward 1



The Auburn Water District Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at the District office- on Court Street.

The financial position of the District remains stable; we will meet our budget amounts. The reduction in water sales revenue has been covered by increases in the Merchandise & Jobbing category. There is not expected to be an excess surplus from operations above the budgeted amount.

The Board of Trustees approved a new collection policy and procedure for delinquent accounts. The Sewerage District Board approved the similar policy the day before.

We received an excellent presentation by Western Sampson Engineers on our groundwater investigation work. Several options for the next step in the process were presented but no action was taken by the Board.

The Measuring of the Lake event was held at the end of August. It is the first time I'd ever been on the Lake. We made several attempts to see the key points for our water system- but bad weather drove us back. I did get to the deep hole. The lake continues to have good water quality numbers and the algae remains low.

The Board discussed the request from the Auburn City Clerk regarding procedures and distribution of information about the District work. It is important to correct a statement in the City's request- the Auburn Water District does not received any municipal funding and is independent of the City. An equally important fact to note is that the AWD has supported and has compiled with the requests for more transparency, access to agenda packets, meeting notices and minutes as a normal course of our business conduct. We urge others to do the same.

Two executive sessions followed to discuss a water drainage issue in the Town of Poland and to discuss employee health insurance options for 2016.

As always, Mr. Mayor- thank you for the opportunity to serve in your place.