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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of December 10, 2015

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on December 10, 2015, in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burke, Commissioner Morin and Commissioner Burns.

Consent Items

Minutes of the November 12th meeting - Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12th seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

Appointments

- A. Attorney Doneski (Solar Contract) – Attorney Doneski came before the Board to review the Solar City contract with the Board. He stated he will be discussing a few clerical changes to the lease with Solar City. Attorney Doneski stated the cap had been reached and earliest we could see changes would be January or February. Chairperson Burke asked if there was any risk to us if we sign the contract now, the government possibly coming back with a better deal. Attorney Doneski felt that would not happen. Attorney Doneski stated we were offered a 100% bond and feels we should take it. The question of site work was brought up, we do not want to lose control of the property and it was stated a provision could be made regarding some of the labor. We would like the right to do some of the repairs ourselves.

Commissioner Morin made a motion to authorize Chairperson Burke to sign agreement with Solar City upon agreement that contract is approved by council, seconded by Commissioner Burns and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

- B. Peter Newton (Bristol Engineering) – Mr. Newton came before the Board to discuss the towns wells. It was stated that Greene and Mill Street wells come into 1 pipe and are getting a lot of hydraulic pressure. All wells are going through an undersized pump. The subject of pulling out all pumps and replacing with proper sized pumps was brought up but this would be a very expensive project and not very practical. The other option brought up was pumping into an atmospheric tank. The bidding, finalizing design, construction design, administration and resident project representation would cost \$81,900. Chairperson Burke asked for a few changes to the contract in which Mr. Newton agreed.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to sign contract subject to changes discussed, seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

New Business

- A. Freedom Street Bridge – The Board was informed that an 8” water main i-beam is rotted which was originally installed in 1988. Tim is going to see about getting some funding from the State. In the meantime the maps will be reviewed so if something happens the issue can be centralized.
- B. Leak Detection – this is a process that is done yearly and is ¾ completed. One leak has been detected thus far near Bancroft Park.

Old Business

- A. Sewer Lift Station – 1 of the pumps had a pin hole and was leaking has been changed and the new one is up and running. The Board was informed that they should consider replacing the other pump as well.
- B. Sewer Jet Truck – the Board was informed that our current jet truck is in need of \$5,000 worth of repairs. Tim explained the function of a jet truck is to hold a lot of water to clean out roots and unclog sewer lines. The jet truck is used by the Sewer Department approximately 24 times per year. Tim is hoping we can split the cost of a new Jet/Vac truck with the Highway Department or possible share with other towns.

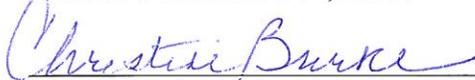
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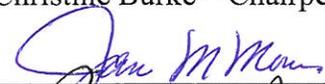
Managers Update – the Board was informed that the Town of Mendon paid one of their quarterly bills late and the payment was applied to interest first leaving the balance on taxes. They are responsible for late fees. Commissioner Morin feels that the Town of Mendon should be treated like any other resident if the bill is not paid within the grace period their water service should be terminated.

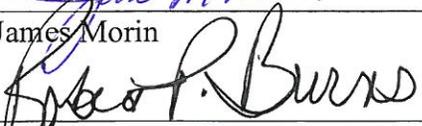
Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours – none

Commissioner Burns made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:25 to discuss collective bargaining and to not reconvene, seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes December 10th, 2015.


Christine Burke – Chairperson


James Morin


Roberts Burns