



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Water & Sewer  
Commissioners

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### Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of December 11, 2014

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on December 11, 2014 in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burns, Commissioner Morin and Commissioner Burke.

#### **Consent Items**

Minutes of the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting – Commissioner Burke made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13<sup>th</sup> and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.

Executive Session Minutes of the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting – Commissioner Burke made a motion to approve the executive session minutes of November 13<sup>th</sup> and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.

#### **Appointments - None**

#### **New Business**

- A. Water Draft Budget – the Board was informed this budget is in the very early stages but the working part of the budget is down about 4.3% which is approximately \$27,000. The police detail line went from \$10,000 to \$5,000 which was high due to the mapping project which is now complete. The Board was informed that the 2002 truck needs to be replaced which costs approximately \$85,000. Would like to purchase from Retained Earnings and not the working budget. Debt is down by approximately \$2,600. We are still waiting for health insurance numbers, salaries for the Treasurer and Accountant. The Board will be given adjusted numbers at the January or February meeting.
- B. Certified Retained Earnings – the water enterprise was certified at \$422,422 and the sewer enterprise was certified at \$131,500.
- C. Borrowing for NuWater payment – this has been resolved but the payment will need to be borrowed. Commissioner Burke asked if we have seen anything in writing yet. Since we have not, Commissioner Burke asked Tim to get a few options before the Board decides.
- D. Debt Forecast – debt will drop by about \$300,000 in 2018. The Board was informed that we have approximately \$27,000 in a borrowing account that has never been spent that Tim will check with DOR to see if we can use towards the NuWater payment.

## Old Business

- A. Mill Street Land – Boston Sand and Gravel has donated land as is as sits, the Town will be responsible for all legal fees. Town Counsel is working on this. Hopedale Country Club gave Tim paperwork to amend their lease.
- B. Mapping – the mapping project is now complete. Tim and Ken will review within the next couple of months and then we will be in compliance.
- C. Water Plant Upgrades – Tim was given a few solutions for the well issues. The first being to increase the energy in order to pump more water. Tim stated he did not like this option as it would only increase energy usage and not correct the problem. Another option was to pump all wells into a storage tank then into the plant. A rough estimate for this project is \$350,000 depending on the size of the tank. This is hopefully a project for FY 17.
- D. Sewer Plant Update – the sewer employees have been catching up on maintenance. One of the influent pump tanks had been clogged for years but was cleaned by the sewer department. By doing so Tim does not feel we need to spend money on new pumps if the employees can keep up with maintenance. Some of the older rooms at the sewer plant that are not being used have been cleaned, power washed and painted. Everything is going well at the plant. A commercial window company will be coming in to give an estimate on some of the windows. If feasible we hope to purchase and install these windows in house.

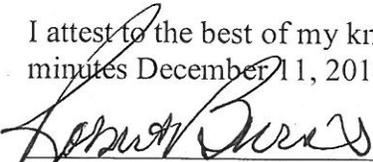
## Correspondence - None

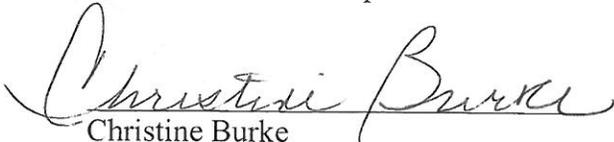
Other topics not reasonably anticipated by chairman within 48 hours – None

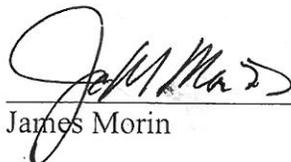
Managers Update – Tim stated he sent letters to the 2 residents that were discussed at last month's meeting, one on Laurelwood the other on Gannett.

Chairperson Burke made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 P.M. seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes December 11, 2014.

  
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Robert Burns – Chairperson

  
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Christine Burke

  
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James Morin