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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of March 14, 2019

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on March 14, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Draper Room of Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burke, Commissioner Morin and Commissioner Burt.

Consent Items

Minutes of the February 14th meeting – Commissioner Burt made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14th seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

Minutes of the joint meeting January 28, 2019 with Conservation and Board of Health – Commissioner Burt made a motion to approve the joint meeting minutes from January 28th seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

Open Public Hearing to set FY20 Water and Sewer Rates: usage rates had been previously discussed trying to bring rates to an amount to cover the budgets. Two different rate scenarios for water usage were discussed. Received paperwork regarding the debt schedule. The Board feels water rates are fine at proposal #1 and both water and sewer assessment charges will be increased to include capital projects. Commissioner Burt shared spreadsheets he created to show the effects of the increases on different user amounts. Biggest hit would be on higher users.

Proposed FY20 water usage rates as follows:

	Proposal #1	Proposal #2
0-500 cu.ft.	\$15.00 minimum	\$15.00 minimum
501-2,000 cu.ft.	\$4.00/100 cu.ft.	\$4.00/100 cu.ft.
2,001-4,000 cu.ft.	\$4.60/100 cu.ft.	\$5.02/100 cu.ft.
>4,001 cu.ft.	\$6.70/100 cu.ft.	\$6.80/100 cu.ft.

Proposed FY20 water assessment of \$52.81

Proposed FY20 sewer usage rate of \$6.52/100 cu.ft.

Proposed FY20 sewer assessment of \$58.91

Mr. Webster from 26 Inman Street was in attendance to discuss water usage, proposed water rates and to see if the water tanks were fixed.

Commissioner Burt made a motion to accept water usage rate increase proposal #1, proposed sewer usage rate, proposed water and sewer assessment charges, seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

Public hearing was closed at 7:33 P.M.

Appointments – None

New Business – None

Old Business

- A. Peer Review Quote – this will be passed until our next meeting.
- B. WWTP Update – the Board was informed that the project is moving along nicely now. The UV and screen room are both up and running. Torque test is being done on the 2 new second clarifiers and should be up and running mid-April.
- C. Flow Metering Update – Tim spoke to the owner of the Draper building and we were given access to different manholes on his property. We will have meters installed for 3 to 4 months on his property along with 7 others throughout town. These meters will be removed once a week for the data to be read.
- D. Well Status - we have a small vacuum/air leak at one of our Mill Street wells. It is sucking in air without pushing out the water. Will have to shut down and test different well fields so we can get an idea where the leak is. This will need to be corrected before summer. All 3 Green Street wells will be cleaned in April.

Manager's Report – nothing additional to discuss

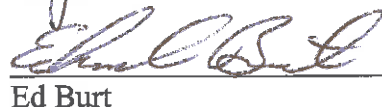
Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours – none

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. seconded by Commissioner Burt 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 of March 14th, 2019.

Christine Burke – Chairperson


James Morin


Ed Burt