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Board of Water & Sewer
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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of November 8, 2018

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on November 8, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burke and Commissioner Morin.

Chairperson Burke shared a few words about Commissioner Burns and sent the Boards condolences to his family.

Consent Items

Minutes of the October 11th meeting – Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11th meeting and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

Appointments

- A. Antea Alexander 133 Mendon Street (water bill dispute) – Mr. Lee Alexander came before the Board to discuss his water bill in which the usage went from 200 cubic feet to 7,800 cubic feet. Mr. Alexander stated he had a plumber come in and nothing was found. Tim stated he tried to follow the lines but was having difficulty and stated Mr. Alexander would have to hire a plumber to figure out the lines. Tim and the Board feel that the usage at this property has been extremely low. It was explained to Mr. Alexander that the meter does not spin until water goes through it. Chairperson Burke asked if the meter had been tested in which Tim stated it had not. After explaining to Mr. Alexander that we would like to change the meter but did not want to do while there was a dispute happening. The Board was informed that the usage is now back to normal. Chairperson Burke stated we are willing to do a payment plan but is not our water to give away in which Commissioner Morin agreed. Tim stated we could set up an appointment to test the meter but wanted Mr. Alexander to realize that if we test the meters and there is nothing wrong with them he will be charged \$25 for the test. While we are there we will change the meters to new meters at no cost to Mr. Alexander.

New Business

- A. WWTP Construction Extension Request – the Board was informed that the contractors would not meet the completion date of November 18th. There are a lot of wet spots around the tank. They are currently digging 15 – 18' holes around the tank. Tim is not asking for the Board to vote on an extension right now.
- B. Board Vacancy - there is an open position on the Board that needs to be filled. Ed Burt came to see Town Administrator, Steve Sette stating he would like fill the vacancy on the Water/Sewer Board to honor Bob Burns. The Board of Selectmen posted the vacancy at their last meeting. Commissioner Morin made

a motion to recommend Ed Burt to fill the vacancy seconded by Chairperson Burke.

- C. Cat Mini Excavator Issues - while work was being done on Lake Street the excavator was left on site and the following day the excavator started to spat. We had a technician come out who found the gas tank was not locked. The tech is called a second time and states that it looks like the fuel was contaminated. Tim does not feel it was the town's gas that caused the issue since no other departments had issues. Chairperson Burke asked if he knew what was added to the gas and Tim responded that we are still waiting for reports.
- D. Laurelwood Expansion – there are 2 new buildings being constructed each with 4 units. The fire department is requiring sprinklers and Tim feels his concerns were taken into account.

Old Business

- A. Milford Sewer Commission Letter – the Board was informed that we have yet to hear back.
- B. Sewer Plant Furnace – the job is now complete with the new furnace up and running. The job was over budget.

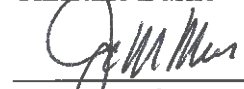
Manager's Report – invited to a Board of Selectmen's meeting on November 19th regarding Draper Falls. Tim would like Ken from the Sewer Department and employees from the Water Department there. Tim would also like to show them some sort of presentation. Tim stated that it takes years to find usable water. A geologist is coming out to look at a few spots. Mr. Shwachman, owner of Draper Mill called and offered two wells on Fitzgerald Dr. but unfortunately cannot use since they are too close to the cemetery.

Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours –

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. 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 November 8th, 2018.


Christine Burke – Chairperson


James Morin