



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Water & Sewer
Commissioners

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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of January 11, 2018

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on January 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Commissioner Morin, Commissioner Burke and Chairperson Burns.

Consent Items

Minutes of the December 14th meeting – Commissioner Morin made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 14th meeting and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.

Appointments – None

New Business

- A. Sewer Clog Dutcher Street – a sewer line in front of 168 Dutcher Street clogged. Since not one that normally clogs the Board was informed insurance company may not cover. The residents do have damage to property located in their basement. Pictures to be reviewed to see what was damaged. This is the first time this line has clogged since Tim's been here. Sewer department to pay ServPro since we initiated call.
- B. Leaks and Frozen Lines – A leak was detected on Jones Road. There have been numerous frozen lines, many due to neglect. Residents are being charged for service calls. We want to inform residents to make sure windows are closed and pipes are kept warm.
- C. Budgets – budgets were dropped as much as possible. Union increases are not included in the budgets yet. Only increase recorded thus far is a 2% for Tim Watson. Budgets are based on current expenditures. Tim brought up longevity pay and stated it was brought up 5 years ago and was voted down. Currently 7 town employees not eligible for longevity. Tim would like to have it included in the budget but noted it would not be utilized unless approved at town meeting. Capital projects are up \$20,0000, this is to clean well fields and to purchase a mini excavator. The water department budget has a decrease of 6%. Regarding the sewer department budget, electric costs are down, we have received a town wide rate of \$.09/kw. Tim included money in capital projects to work on roofing issues where the 2 sewer buildings meet, also for part of the cost of the mini excavator. The Sewer budget is down as well. Would like to get retained earnings up in both departments. The 2" line on Villa Drive will be replaced with another 2" line since it is only affecting 7 homes. Cannot cross Route 140 for another 4 years. The Board was informed the Water/Sewer budgets would be discussed with the finance committee at 1:00 on January 27th.

Old Business

- A. Raw Water Storage Tank – all but 2 lines have been installed, Greene Street and Mill Street pump stations. Looking at mid to late March for building to arrive.
- B. WWTP Upgrades – the dog kennel has been demolished, all hazardous material has been removed. Ran conduit and poured pad for new UV.
- C. Mill Street Land – the purchase and sales has been signed, the land and filing fees have been paid.

Correspondence – None

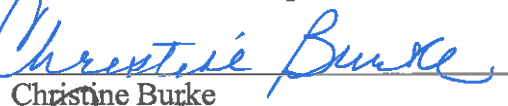
Manager's Report – Mr. Kaberry, owner of the property at the entrance to the water plant has been very patient with us. The issue of his property being damaged is not going away, and even though Mr. Kaberry has never complained Tim is trying to think of another way big trucks can make deliveries. One thought is possibly making another entrance off of Thwing Street to be used for large deliveries. He is thinking of the area before the bridge. This would have to be surveyed and wet land reviewed.

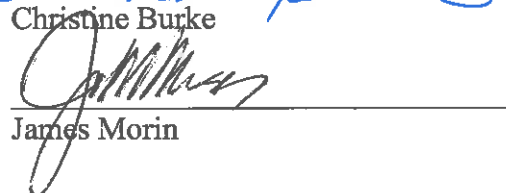
Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours – none

Commissioner Burke made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 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 of January 11th, 2018.

Robert Burns – Chairperson


Christine Burke


James Morin