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Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of May 27, 2021

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on May 27, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. via zoom. Members present were Chairperson Burt, Commissioner Morin and Commissioner Cooper.

Consent Items

Minutes of the May 6th meeting – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of May 6th seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

Correspondents – None

New Business

A. 6:10 P.M./Open public hearing to set rates and assessment charges for July 1, 2021

Meeting was opened at 6:04. The Town approved both the water and sewer budgets. Chairperson Burt explained that we need to make sure our revenue covers our expenses. Feel water rates would need to increase slightly to cover water expenses but the current sewer rate of \$6.52 should cover sewer expenses for FY22. Assessment charges for both departments will remain the same. The new water rates will be:

	Old rate	New Rate
0-500 cu.ft.	\$15 minimum	\$16.50 minimum
501-2,000 cu.ft.	\$4.00/100 cu.ft.	\$4.40/100 cu.ft.
2,001-4,000 cu.ft.	\$4.60/100 cu.ft.	\$5.06/100 cu.ft.
>4000 cu.ft.	\$6.70/100 cu.ft.	\$7.37/100 cu.ft.
Water Assessment	FY21 \$52.81	FY22 \$52.81
Sewer Assessment	FY21 \$70.25	FY22 \$70.25

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to accept the new rates for FY22 seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

Chairperson Burt asked about combining the multiple spreadsheets for budget and rate planning into one spreadsheet. Tim will work with him on this.

- B. Water Ban Discussion** – the Town currently has 2 separate bans, first being state mandated, no outside watering between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. The second restriction is an odd/even ban stating residents with odd numbered houses can

water outdoors on odd calendar days between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 A.M. and residents with even numbered houses can water on even calendar days between 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 A.M. Tim explained these bans are necessary, we are not keeping up, our tank is extremely low. If the tank remains low we may have to look at handheld devices only, not allowing irrigations. Tim explained with the rain coming we may be OK for a few weeks. Chairperson Burt asked about sending something out with the next bill. Tim stated we could do that and we can also use the reverse 911 system.

Old Business

- A. **Sewer Main Relining** – this project is just about done, currently grouting all of the lines.

- B. **Well exploration** – this is being continued on the north side of the Mill River. A vertical well was drilled about 92', hit bedrock at about 87', found fine silt, looked promising but well was only good for 12 gallons per minute. Have not used all the grant money yet so will continue in the golf course area.

Tim mentioned the limited storage capacity and the possibility of getting another storage tank. Commissioner Cooper stated if we can't fill tank now, how are we going to fill 2? Tim stated it would fill prior to the start of the season so it would last longer and when we do get rain it would be filling both tanks.

- C. **PFAS pilot testing update** – PFAS pilot testing was submitted to DEP for proposal. Should take 2 to 3 weeks. There will be raw water PFAS testing done before and after pilot testing. This would have to be completed prior to June 30th. We will need 1 project that we use toward the PFAS project prior to July 8th. Currently, engineering costs are about \$40,000.

Manager's Report – currently, there is a house on Jones Rd. that their sump pump is tied into town sewer. They have a letter from the town allowing this. There is a drain easement through their yard. The resident is allowing us to tie into the drain and tie the sump pump into the drain. The Board was fine with this.

Public and Board Member Comments – None

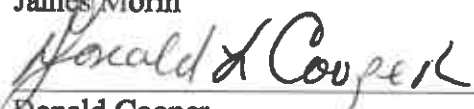
Commissioner Cooper made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes of May 27, 2021.

Ed Burt – Chairperson



James Morin



Donald Cooper