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Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of October 5, 2023

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met October 5, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the Draper Room of Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burt and Commissioner Morin.

Consent Items

Minutes of the September 14th meeting – Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14th, 2023, and made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

All in favor, Morin – Aye, Burt – Aye

Correspondence - None

New Business

A. Authorize Tim Watson, Manager to file and be the authorizing signature for SRF application for PFAS treatment plant addition project – amount being requested is 4.5M and amount approved is 4.75M. This will match the town meeting article.

Commissioner Morin made a motion to authorize Tim Watson, Manager, to be the authorizing signature for SRF for PFAS treatment plant addition seconded by Chairperson Burt.

Old Business

B. Water project updates – 2 of the 3 check valves that failed, have been repaired and awaiting parts on the third. PFAS design has been submitted to DEP and is moving along nicely. After SRF approval the financial aspect will begin. This should be around January or February after the project is bid on in December. Regarding the water tank and water mains, the water main installation has been completed and we are hoping to have final paving done this week. Would typically like to wait 90 days for settling but due to all the rain and residents' complaints, Tim feels it should be settled and ok to pave. There will be a meeting next Friday to discuss the project and discuss a work order regarding unsuitable materials. Tim stated he is working with Geurriere and Halnon as well as Mitch Ruscitti, Town Administrator regarding easements. They will need to speak with all residents involved.

C. Sewer project updates – Tim discussed a problem with the muffin monster and the grinder inside the influent pump station. Received a quote for a rebuilt one and it has been ordered. Regarding the pilot testing a letter was submitted to DEP and EPA. DEP had a few

questions. We are currently waiting for DEP and EPA approval and if granted we will remove the IFAS.

Town Administrator, Mitch Ruscitti spoke to the Board regarding the excavator that was damaged. He first thanked Tim for allowing the use of the excavator to the Highway Department. They were trying to ease the flooding on Dana Park being caused by beaver dams in the area. Unfortunately, while this was being done the excavator's engine filled with water and seized the motor. The Town Administrator mentioned that there is not enough money in the highway budget and may need to be paid for through the water and sewer departments. Chairperson Burt asked if this invoice amount would need to go through Fincom first. The cost of the repair is approximately \$21,000. Tim explained that we would not have budgeted for a repair expense this large. He also explained that if retained earnings is not certified then we will have no money to cover any unexpected bill. How can we better collaborate between water/sewer and highway departments? Mr. Ruscitti feels if other departments are responsible for the repairs, they should have more access to the equipment. Commissioner Morin feels if we pay for this repair our users will be paying twice. He explained that we all get along and share equipment all the time. Mr. Ruscitti asked if the bill could be split between the three departments so there would be no need for an article at the town meeting. It was agreed to split the cost.

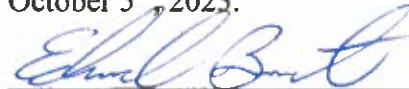
It was mentioned that we received our first EFT of \$194,000 in which Mr. Ruscitti thanked David Butler for all his work with grants.

Manager's Report – nothing additional

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 P.M. and made unanimous by Chairperson Burt.

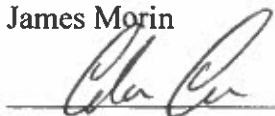
Morin – Aye, Burt - Aye

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes of October 5th, 2023.



Ed Burt – Chairperson

James Morin



Adam Anderson