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Board of Water & Sewer
Commissioners

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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of April 18, 2013

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on April 18, 2013 in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burke and Commissioner Burns.

Chairperson Burke made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00PM.

Consent Items

Minutes of the March 21st meeting – Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21st, made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

Appointments

- A. Mr. Joseph S. Fitzpatrick (solar agreement proposal) – Mr. Fitzpatrick postponed meeting until next meeting which will take place in June.

New Business

- A. Truck Repairs – The hydraulics system on the water department's main line truck recently failed. Repair costs are estimated between \$4,000 and \$5,000 which was not budgeted for. The truck has approximately 90,000 miles.
- B. Water restrictions – State-mandated water restrictions will go into effect beginning May 1st. The ban requires no outside watering between the hours of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. As an alternative, trigger monitoring could be followed. This method requires examination of water level at a certain point within the Blackstone River. If the water falls below a certain level for 3 consecutive days, the department would then have to notify residents of a ban, this could become very costly. The Board agreed with implementing the calendar method of the State-mandated ban.
- C. Flushing – Hydrant flushing started Tuesday night. This is the first year flushing has occurred without purchasing water. Flushing will not take place this evening due to lack of storage. It was decided to flush 3 days on and 5 days off. Flushing of hydrants is done in order to clean and exchange the water throughout the system.

Old Business

- A. Rules and Regulations Update (Water Department) –In order to keep current with the cost of brass and on-call rates of overtime employees, we need to update some costs listed in the rules and regulations. Also, there have been issues with the inside and outside reads not matching. Language must be added to the meter section to clarify the actual billable meter. A public hearing will be required to address these issues at the June meeting.
- B. Main Replacement – Once hydrant flushing is completed, main replacement on Nelson, Thwing and Cook Streets will occur. This will be done slowly since there will be no overtime, strictly during normal working hours.

Correspondence

- A. Backflow Testing Agreement – went out to bid. Cross Connections had the winning bid of \$7,660 per year for the next 3 years. The other bids were \$16,425.00 and \$11,797.00 per year. Tim stated that since our costs reduced then he would recommend that we cut the cost to residents for residential testing.

Manager's Update – Tim stated that Brentwood was to deliver the new IFAST system over next few weeks. Also by the end of May or June one of the tanks should be completed.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 P.M., 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 April 18, 2013.

Timothy Watson, Manager