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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of January 8, 2015

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on January 8, 2015, in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burns, Commissioner Morin and Commissioner Burke.

Consent Items

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

Appointments - None

New Business

- A. Sewer Budgets – the Board was informed that the overall budget has a .01% increase. Salaries and wages are up .39% due to union contract and overtime was increased by 2%; however, the entire salary budget as a whole is down due to a new employee starting at a lower pay rate. Legal was decreased from \$30,000 to \$10,000, leaving this balance in the account provided that we may need legal advice regarding the RFP for the solar contract. Police details were budgeted lower due to the distribution mapping project now being complete. The Board was also informed that funds from the Capital Project account will be implemented in purchasing a new pump for the Greene Street pump station which needs to be replaced due to corrosion costing approximately \$20,000. There is currently \$135,000 in Retained Earnings but there are three major areas of concern regarding sewer lines—Bancroft Park, Peace and Social and Progress Street—in which some of this money may be needed.
- B. Security and Scada System Update – still working on security cameras. We are currently in a disagreement with the company regarding a quote. Unfortunately, we cannot locate the quote and they are trying to charge more than recently discussed. This company also maintains the scada system and the WTP information. Tim is having other companies come out and quote a price regarding our scada system and security cameras.
- C. Solar RFP/Meeting with Selectmen – the RFP was sent to Town Counsel at the end of December for review and was received back today. The RFP will be advertised in the central register on January 21, 2015. Discussion was held on the placement of the revenue that will be received from the project as the Board wants to avoid the issues

such as those that have taken place with the cell towers on top of the Water Departments storage tank. Commissioner Burke made a motion to have a joint meeting with the Board of selectmen on Tuesday, January 20th to discuss the project.

Old Business

- A. Borrowing for NuWater Payment – if okay with the Board, three copies would need to be signed. Commissioner Burke made a motion to approve the borrowing of the NuWater payment, seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.

Commissioner Burke made a motion to vote for the chairperson to sign the NuWater release on behalf of the Water and Sewer Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.

- B. Water Budget – there are two changes since the last meeting; the chemical line and chlorine cylinders increased from \$250 to \$300 per cylinder which is an increase of approximately \$2,000 per year. The original budget decreased the chemical line but then decided to go back to level funded. After reviewing the budget again, both Building Repairs and Maintenance and Capital Projects decreased. The original budget was down 1.2% and is now a decrease of 3.4%. This does not include the purchase of a new truck.

Correspondence - None

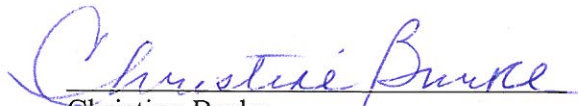
Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours – None

Chairperson Burke made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 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 January 8th 2015.



Robert Burns – Chairperson



Christine Burke



James Morin