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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of March 12, 2015

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on March 12, 2015, in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burns, Commissioner Morin and Commissioner Burke.

Consent Items

Minutes of the January 8th meeting – Commissioner Burke made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8th, seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.

Appointments

- A. Kendra Ellis – Mr. and Mrs. Joel Ellis came before the Board to discuss a large water/sewer invoice. The Ellis' stated they moved into their home at 20 Gannett Way in April 2014, an inspection of the irrigation or the backflow system were not done and unfortunately were not working properly. Once they received their October 2014 invoice they had an irrigation company come out and check the system and make adjustments. Mr. Ellis stated since it was an issue with their irrigation system and did not go through the sewer system they would like to have the sewer portion of the invoice reduced to an average bill for that property. Mrs. Ellis asked about having a second meter put on the house for the irrigation system. Commissioner Burke asked John Schreiber, Water Supervisor how easy the inside meter was to read. John informed the Board that he did show Mrs. Ellis how to read the meter. Commissioner Burke stated it was not there water to give away. She informed the Ellis' that as long as the water passed through the meter and the meter was working properly there was nothing they could do. Commissioner Burke stated that they could make a payment agreement if they chose to. Mrs. Ellis stated they had been making payments, but were a little upset about being charged interest.
- B. John Waswill – Mr. and Mrs. Waswill from 9 Cutler Street came before the Board to get a bill for new flooring approved. On December 23, 2014 there was a sewer backup in their home caused by a town sewer line. The Waswills submitted a bill for \$641.43 for new flooring for their laundry room. Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the payment of \$641.43 to the Waswills, seconded by Commissioner Burke and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.
- C. Donna Nisiak – Mr. and Mrs. Nisiak from 7 Cutler Street came before the Board to submit bills for reimbursement for damages caused by a sewer backup in their home on December 23, 2014. Mr. Nisiak stated that when ServPro came to clean the basement, they informed them to watch for buckling in the floor. They are

asking to be reimbursed for new flooring, a Keurig coffee maker and cushions. Commissioner Burke asked if they had gone through their homeowners insurance. Mrs. Nisiak stated they did not want to do that since it was not their fault. Commissioner Burke asked if they could bring in a copy of the original flooring bill from 3 years ago. Commissioner Burke stated she would like to speak with Tim Watson, Water/Sewer Manager and Steve Sette, the Town Coordinator to see about going through the town's insurance. Ken Webb, Sewer Supervisor informed the residents from 7 and 9 Cutler Street along with the Board that the alarm system has since been updated. Chairperson Burns asked the Nisiaks to get three estimates for the floors, they agreed.

New Business

- A. Request for new attorney for land swap – in regards to land owned by Rosenfeld Concrete and the Hopedale Country Club, it is being requested that we look for a new attorney. Unfortunately, there have been no updates since the end of 2014. Chairperson Burns stated we could call Attorney Aldo Consigli, a real estate attorney from Milford. Commissioner Burke made a motion to allow Tim to contact Attorney Consigli to draft an easement, which was seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns. The Board also asked that Tim notify Kopelman and Paige of this change.

Old Business

- A. Solar RFP update – Ken Webb, Sewer Supervisor informed the Board that one of the original bidders emailed additional questions that were answered. This was done as an addendum and emailed to the other two bidders as well.

Correspondence - None

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

Chairperson Burke made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 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 March 12th, 2015.



Robert Burns – Chairperson



Christine Burke



James Morin