



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Water & Sewer
Commissioners

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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of August 13, 2015

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on August 13, 2015, in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Commissioner Morin and Commissioner Burns.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to appoint Commissioner Morin as temporary Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Morin.

Consent Items

Minutes of the June 11th meeting - Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of June 11th and made unanimous by Chairperson Morin.

Open Public Hearing: Discuss and set new quarterly Water & Sewer Assessment. Chairperson Morin informed residents that we needed to adjust the water and sewer assessment charges to cover the debt for the year. For FY16, the Water Department has a yearly debt of \$416,451.60. Current water assessment is \$48.32 and will be \$47.87 for quarters 2, 3 and 4. Sewer Department debt for FY16 is \$234,163.68. Current sewer rate is \$27.20 and will be \$28.79 for quarters 2, 3 and 4.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to set FY 16 quarters 2, 3, and 4 water assessment rates to \$47.87 and made unanimous by Chairperson Morin.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to set FY 16 quarters 2, 3 and 4 sewer assessment rates to \$28.79 and made unanimous by Chairperson Morin.

Commissioners Burns made a motion to close the public hearing and reopen regular meeting which was made unanimous by Chairperson Morin.

Appointments

B. Weston & Sampson Design Contract – 2 different contracts were presented to the Board, one for preliminary design only and the other for a complete design to fulfill all the obligations as approved at Town meeting. Tim recommended the second option feeling it's a better benefit to the Town. The contract price for this is \$420,000. The loan application for the SRF has been started and filed with DEP. After discussions on time frames and SRF funding, Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the contract for the full design for the wastewater treatment plant not to exceed \$420,000 and made unanimous by Chairperson Morin.

A. Charles Frantz (high reading April 2015) – Mr. Frantz from 56 Freedom Street came before the Board to discuss his high usage bill. The usage was up 4,000 cu.ft. from the previous quarter. The water department did go to 56 Freedom

Street to check the meter and found nothing out of the ordinary. There was a dehumidifier attached to the meter. Since it is a new meter a report was run showing there was a leak detected in late March. Mr. Frantz feels there was nothing wrong at his end and has to be a mistake. Tim informed Mr. Frantz that we can only go by what goes through the meter. The only other option at this point is to have the meter removed and tested. If it is found to be working properly, Mr. Frantz would be responsible for the bill along with the cost of having the meter tested. Mr. Frantz will be contacted as to what constitutes a leak.

New Business - none

Old Business

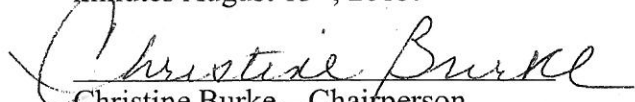
- A. Solar Bids – Commissioner Burns made a motion to pass over discussing the solar bids, made unanimous by Chairperson Morin.
- B. Jet Truck – need to think about replacing. When needed will pay Milford to help out. Tim spoke briefly with finance and discussed the possibility of combining our needs with the Highway Department.
- C. Water Usage – the Board was informed that there were some good leaks over the last couple of months that have been repaired. The recent rain has been helping keep the tank full.
- D. Police Union Grievance – there has been no resolution with the mediators. The police union decided to take the next step. Arbitration is scheduled for November 12th.


Correspondence - None

Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours – Chairperson Morin asked about the insurance claim that was denied regarding the Cutler Street properties. Tim stated we would contact Berry Insurance and see about the process to appeal.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 P.M. and made unanimous by Chairperson Morin.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes August 13th, 2015.


Christine Burke – Chairperson


James Morin


Roberts Burns