

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Christine Burke, Chair James Morin Robert Burns

Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of January 14, 2016

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on January 14, 2016, in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burke, Commissioner Morin and Commissioner Burns.

Consent Items

<u>Minutes of the December 10th meeting</u> - Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of December 10th seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

Executive Session Minutes of the November 12th meeting – Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the executive session minutes of the November 12th meeting seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

<u>Executive Session Minutes of the December 10th meeting</u> - Commissioner Morin made a motion to approve the executive session minutes of the December 10th meeting seconded by Commissioner Burns and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

Appointments

A. Mrs. Moore of 65 Freedom Street (request for reimbursement from sewer backup) – Tim stated they received a call regarding a foul odor at this address, which is vacant. The Wastewater employees noticed a backup in the line but found nothing in the basement. They left to get the jet truck. The person calling in the complaint, Kim Poirier also left. It's possible that when the jet truck was used it may have forced the clog through the open end of the pipe. Tim stated he has not seen any pictures or paperwork. The owner of the property Kathy Moore stated on September 8th her sister Kim Poirier, stated she went to show the house and could smell sewerage and hear gurgling out of the junction box. She called Bryan Arthur from the water department and informed him. Three hours later she returned and noticed the house smelled awful. Stated she looked around, checked toilets then went downstairs to check basement and saw raw sewerage. Mrs. Moore showed the Board pictures that the cleaning company had taken before they cleaned. She stated she was in contact with Ken Webb, Wastewater Supervisor and was waiting on an email from him. After months of waiting Ken stated he could not give her anything in writing so Mrs. Moore paid the bill to the cleaning company. Tim informed the Board that this is something we would not want to put through our insurance since we have a \$5,000.00 deductible. Chairperson Burke asked Tim if he felt it was our fault in which Tim stated that he did.

Commissioner Morin made a motion to pay Mrs. Moore for her \$500.00 deductible that she had already paid, seconded by Commissioner Burns and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

New Business - None

Old Business

- A. <u>Bristol Engineering Consulting Services Contract</u> Board previously approved pending corrections. Board signed 2 contracts regarding the Green Street WTF Hydraulic Modications.
- B. <u>Waste Water Treatment Plant Update</u> Tim met with Weston & Sampson regarding the issue with the plans. May be an issue with ledge and if so pricing may change.
- C. <u>Scada System Water Treatment Plant</u> the Board was informed that Tim is having issues with his computer at the office. Scada system computer should used for nothing other than the scada system. A new computer was ordered.
- D. <u>Solar Land</u> land was cleared. Something was missed in the contract by both Solar City and the Town. New contracts will be issued and will need to be signed. Tim is awaiting Attorney Doneski.
- E. <u>Well Field Land (Rosenfeld)</u> this is still being worked on, we will need to go before the Planning Board, they did not understand that we need the land. The Board will attend the next Planning Board meeting to discuss.

Correspondence - None

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

Commissioner Burns made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes January 14th, 2015.

Christine Burke – Chairperson

James Morin

Roberts Burns