

WATER/SEWER BOARD MEETING  
November 28, 2017

**Present:** Roland Barney, Marty Frizzell, Ralph Wilkins, Lucy Stevens and Lisa Moore

**Call Meeting to Order:** Roland Barney called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**Review Minutes:** After reviewing the minutes of October 17, Lucy made a motion to accept the minutes and Ralph seconds. All in favor.

**Update Agenda:** Lucy to refrain from involvement with sanitation liens.

Lucy said that she will refrain from all discussions or writing correspondence having to do with sanitation liens. She explained that this may appear to be a conflict of interest in regards to her position as the Town's Delinquent Tax Collector.

**Public Notice:** None

**Delinquent Water Accounts:** Betty Castrogiovanni's daughter, Nancy Fournier, made a written request on behalf of Betty to the Water/Sewer board to adjust Betty's water bill to two units rather than 3 units. She said that they no longer have one of the apartments. A wall has been taken out to adjoin the one living space with another, so now there are two units rather than three. The board agreed that moving forward this residence will be billed as a two unit.

On October 20, 2017, a Uniform Water/Sewer Disconnect Form was mailed to Betty Castrogiovanni. The notice indicated that she must make a written payment agreement with the Water/Sewer Board before the date of November 9, 2017. To date, Betty has not made a written agreement. Because Betty has a tenant in the building, the tenant must also be notified.

Sharon Henault had made a written agreement which has not been kept. Sharon called the Town Office and told Teresa Debonville that she did not make her payment on time this month because her household was sick, but she would make a payment on November 14, 2017. She did not follow through with the verbal agreement either. The board indicated to Marty to shut her service off.

Monica Quick has made no attempt to make payments on her water/sewer bill. Marty believes that the doctor's note was only good for 30 days. He will inquire with the health officer, Joe Arborio, on this and possibly with VLCT's lawyer.

Harris Kinsey has a written agreement. Payment has not been received for the month of November. Lisa Moore will call to remind him that payment is overdue.

**Painting Reservoirs:** Roland Barney was not at the last meeting, so he discussed the decision that was made on the painting of the reservoirs. Dave Page was not able to paint them this year due to rainy weather. He agreed to put us first on his list in the spring.

**Prices on a Zero Turn Mower:** Marty says he thinks the mower will cost around \$3,500 although he has not checked on them recently. He would like to wait on it, but still budget for it. Ralph suggested that he

check with Agway and Cub Cadet even now (winter), because there may be some good sales. He also pointed out that Agway is local and can service the mower for us, so though it might cost more than some bigger suppliers, this convenience is worth the extra.

**HTA Proposal:** The board had a chance to review the HTA proposal. They reasoned that though it was a lot of money, it is something that is required to be done. Other engineers may be in the same price range, but HTA is already familiar and has some of the foot work already done. The proposal says that the work would be completed within 90 days. Marty doesn't think that they should try to do it all in the winter time, so he suggested that the 90 days be increased. Ralph made a motion to sign the proposal with a few revisions of dates. Lucy seconds. All in favor. Marty changed "90 days to 180 days" and start date to be the first of the year. They will be able to roll some of this expense into next year's budget. Roland Barney, chairperson, signed the proposal.

**Tires for Trucks:** Marty said that the new tires are on the trucks. He also got a good deal on rims though there was some confusion at the garage and the tires actually got put on the old rims. Marty needs to follow up on the rim deal. Ralph said he can use the new rims when he changes back to summer tires.

**Old Pump Repairs:** Marty said the pump repair is about \$2000. He has not picked it up yet, but now he has to bring another pump from the Hotel pump station in for repair also, so the first one will hopefully be finished and he will pick it up when he drops the other off. Marty also said that the rail system at the Hotel pump station needs fixing. It will cost approximately \$5000, so this needs to be budgeted for.

**Budget:** After all of the water/sewer bills are paid, Lisa will bring a budget report to the next meeting.

**Marty's Comments:** Marty said that Pierre Dupuis inquired about purchasing the old trash pump that is presently stored at the old town garage. Marty has not used it in years and said it needs a lot of work. He also said we can rent one when we need one. He doesn't think the pump is worth much, but he will ask Pierre to make an offer and then get back to the board with the offer.

Liz Dickson sent an email to Roland regarding the state inspection of the waste water treatment plant. Marty said she would like a response from Roland to indicate to her that he received it. Marty said the inspection showed an excellent rating. There were a few minor corrective actions to be made and some recommendations.

Marty said they need a new propane heater at the South reservoir. He will be talking to Fred's Heating and Bucky Tardiff concerning this. He also thinks they will be needing a new ceiling fan and a refrigerator.

They will be reading meters this week and next.

Marty has a copy of the new Water Systems Facilities Planning Study Book which he offered to share with the board. He said he will keep a copy upstairs if anyone wants to read it.

**Commissioner's Comments:** None

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

