

WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 18th, 2023

In Person Attendance: Andy M., Mark V., Bruce P., Noah B., Joel C., Mike S., and Kean

Virtual Attendance: Rodger S. and Bruce W.

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:03 P.M.

Update the Agenda

No updates to the agenda

Public Comment

No public comment

Update Sludge Testing

Rodger spoke on testing Brighton's sludge and the need to ensure HTA accountability to the WWTF project timeline, sludge removal, and draining the lagoons.

Mark V. Stated that Casella a waste management organization will be removing sludge for the city of Newport which the Town of Brighton will need done for the WWTF project.

Billing Issues/Unit Reduction Issue

Bruce brought up a complaint from 126 South St. The complainant would like a reduction in the overall drop in total unit cost from 4 units to 2 units and a credit back to the resident's account.

Andy indicated there should not be a credit as this has been an ongoing issue. Additionally, we should review the resident's year to year bills. Bruce too stated that this should have been corrected years ago and therefore there will not be a credit on their account.

Andy asked for a motion to keep the Maples billing the same for a year and revisit the bill after one year of usage data. The motion was seconded by Mark V.

Receiver on touchpad for replacement instead of a meter replacement

Noah brought up an issue related to the radio reads and replacing the touchpads with transmitters. Andy and Mike indicated that we may need to contact the supplier Neptune.

Expense and Revenue Report

Noah brought up and presented the expenses and revenue as they stand today. One thing to keep in mind is the grant money has not been added to the revenue/expenses at this time. Come budget time towards the end of the year the town's net income (which shows the water/sewer department in the red) should be dramatically reduced close to being in the black.

Review water and Sewer Ordinances Articles 4, 5, and 6

Bruce brought up the annual plan and the board has a handout to review come next meeting to determine if any updates are required.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mark V. Made a motion to accept the mins of the last meeting along with a second by Andy M.

Other Business

Mark V. Asked Andy M. For an update on the sewer line project behind town hall.

Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.