

**WATER/SEWER BOARD MEETING
JUNE 19, 2018**

Present: Ralph Wilkins; Lucille Stevens; Marty Frizzell; Robert Willhauck; Debra Willhauck and Lisa Moore

Ralph Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Reviewed Minutes: Review of the minutes was tabled because Butch was not present at this time and Lucy was not present at the last meeting so she could not say whether they were accurate.

Update Agenda: None

Robert Willhauck said that he spoke with Roland Barney a few weeks ago concerning his delinquent water account. He said that Roland instructed them to come to this meeting of the 19th and told him not to worry because the board would work something out with them. Mr. Willhauck said that they since received a letter for the tax attorney that informed them that their property is being sold for nonpayment of their water bill. He said that approximately 30 years ago Reginald Hunt, water commissioner at that time, made an agreement with them. The agreement was that they would be charged a reduced rate for water usage. The reason was that they allowed a water easement through their property to service another property. By doing this, Mr. Willhauck said they saved the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars. This agreement was never put in writing. The Willhauck's own this property together with others and are presently charged for four water meters because there are four different camps on the property. Mr. Willhauck proposed that the board reassess their bill. He said that they are only there approximately 90 days out of the year and the other owners are there even less. He handed a letter of request to the board for consideration. Marty explained that everyone gets billed the same no matter if they use one gallon of water or 15,000 gallons of water. Lucy explained that they should have gotten the agreement in writing. This board has no prior knowledge of such an agreement and Marty researched for the minutes concerning this matter and could not find any reference to such an agreement. Ralph told them that Roland Barney was on vacation but would be back by the end of the month and once he has returned they will schedule a special meeting regarding their request. Mr. Willhauck also made a request to Lucille Stevens to change the delinquent tax/water & sewer date back to August. This would make it more feasible for him to pay in a timely manner and would save his property from going to a tax sale.

Painting of Reservoirs: So far Marty has received no bids for the painting of the reservoirs. Marty says that the requirement for insurance is the main problem. Ralph shared an ad in the newspaper that he found and gave it to Marty for a person who does painting. The board discussed that Doug Niles or Ray Fontaine may be interested in doing it. They are already Town employees, so they have insurance coverage. Marty will talk to Ray and Doug on this matter.

Delinquent Accounts: A quick review of account standings was made. By the time of the next upcoming meeting in July, the most recent billing will be considered delinquent if it has not been paid. The board will go over them then and send out notices. In the meantime, Marty will be sending out some reminder letters to account holders that have fallen behind. He will also be working on a letter to Donald Boutin concerning the state of his home.

Marty's Comments: Marty reminded the board that the Town's revitalization project will include paving roads. He believes it will take place in 2020. He thinks that we should think about insulating service lines where water has been known to have freeze ups. It only makes sense to do the insulating before the roads are newly paved. He will be making a prioritized list of roads that should be tended to first. He will check with the state to find out when they will begin paving and where they will start. Marty thinks that it is a good idea to spend down some of our accounts on this to help us better qualify for future financial aid.

Marty discussed that A&E is working on a contract that will cost about \$47,000 for a study that would be paid out of our bond if we decide to get on board with it. The state is requiring redundancy. At this time, we don't have back up at each facility, such as two filters at each plant. We don't know if the state will allow us to continue like this or if we will be required to look at different technology. The study will require a pilot test that cost approximately \$20,000, engineering cost of about \$20,000 and lab tests with a cost of about \$5,000.

Marty said that we are moving forward with the HTA evaluation.

Janet Dyer had her water shut off in January of 2018. She will be tearing the cottage down. She asked if the board would allow January 2019 to be the one year date considered so that she does not continue to be billed after that date. The board said yes. If the cottage is torn down before then, they will no longer charge for water service.

Marty is planning to do a test hole to try and figure out the pipe size used for Maurice Barnes' pavilion.

Ralph adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM