

**WATER/SEWER BOARD MEETING
JULY 17, 2018**

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

Roland Barney called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Review Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting of June 19, 2018, were reviewed. Ralph made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Roland seconds. All in favor. Minutes were also reviewed from the meeting of May 8th, 2018. Ralph made a motion to accept those minutes. Roland seconds. All in favor.

Update Agenda: Propane Contract

Lisa will ask Teresa Debonville, Town Clerk, if she has received the contract from Fred's Plumbing and Heating. It will need to be signed as soon as possible in order for them to hold that price per gallon offer.

Public Notice: None

Discuss Assigning new commissioner: Lucy Stevens has resigned as water commissioner. Lisa Moore is interested in filling the position for the new water commissioner. Roland and Marty have also spoken with two or three other people who may be interested in the position. A Notice of Vacancy will be posted. Roland will confer with Joel Cope to find out how long the Notice should be posted and what the proper procedure will be in the hiring of this position. There may be a special meeting for needed for the hiring of this position.

Maintenance on reservoir buildings struck by lightning: Marty said that the lightning storm damaged some equipment a couple of weeks ago, but everything is up and running now. None of the equipment was directly struck by lightning, but lightning struck nearby. He said he lost a circuit and he had to go to another section on the operation panel to get it working again. He also lost a meter valued at about \$3,500 in this storm. A disconnect at the well was not working, but Mark Vaillancourt has fixed it. Everything is operational now. Ralph would like Marty to make an insurance claim for damages caused by the storm. Marty will look into this.

Marty will be purchasing about eight lightning protection arrestors. They will cost about \$200 a piece.

Painting Buildings: Marty talked with Ray Fontaine about the painting and Ray may do it at an overtime rate. He also plans to talk with Doug Niles again. No one has responded to the add in the newspaper for this job. Ralph said that we may have to wait on the painting until next year because it is getting late in the season, but we should have someone committed to do the job as soon as possible.

Delinquent Water Accounts: Delinquent water accounts were reviewed. A list was made for who will need to have a reminder letter, a shut off notice sent or need to be shut off. Lisa Moore and Marty Frizzell will carry through with the list as soon as possible.

Marty's Comments: Marty will be writing a response letter to the Willhauck's pertaining to their request to reduce delinquent water fees. The board was never aware of the verbal agreement made by the water commissioner approximately thirty years ago and they have nothing in writing, so they cannot honor whatever agreement that may have been. The Willhauck's will be charged the same as everyone else who has to pay for their water and/or sewer usage.

Marty said that he has been cleaning sewer lines on Railroad Street and also has done some TV work on the lines. Some people had to deal with bubbling toilets due to this work.

The HTA twenty- year evaluation study is 90% finalized. Marty shared a summary of it with the board. He said that he had made some corrections.

Marty had a sewer line back up at Hillside Acres. He found that tree roots had damaged the service lines. Melinda Gervais felt that the Water Department should be responsible to pay the expense. Marty said that the department pays the expenses of our main line but since we can't control what people put down their service lines, we do not pay for those.

Ralph just received the draft last week from Aldrich and Elliot being the Pilot Study that will cost \$47,500. They are waiting to hear from us on whether we want to get on board with this. Marty said we are still waiting to hear from the state on redundancy before we make this decision. Marty said that if we do make a decision to change over to a system with the newer technology it may allow us to produce water at a higher rate. Butch asked if we really need to produce more water, since the population count is down and people are moving away. Ralph pointed out that if we combine schools we may then have more of a demand for water. Marty said that if we decide to change over to this newer technology that we will be making a commitment to it for at least the next 20 years.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 PM