

WATER/SEWER MEETING MINUTES MARCH 19, 2019

Present: Lisa Moore, Ralph Wilkins, Marty Frizzell, Roland Barney, by phone, and Teresa DeBonville.

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

Review minutes of previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Lisa Moore to accept the minutes as printed. Ralph Wilkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Update agenda: The board updated the agenda to include discussion on the re-organizational portion of the meetings, and discussion of the reduction of the James Cross property's water bill.

A motion was made by Ralph Wilkins, and seconded by Lisa Moore to update to following items for the 2019 year. All in favor, so carried.

1. Chairperson of the board: Roland Barney
2. Meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM, in the town hall.
3. Paper of record: The Caledonian record.

The board discussed the reduction of the water bill for the James Cross property due to a fire in May, 2018. A motion was made by Lisa Moore to reduce the bill to debt service only (\$39.00) until notice from the property owner states that they would like services to this property turned back on. Ralph Wilkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Freeze Ups: Marty informed the board of freeze ups in town. These locations were the McElroy residence on Dale Ave.; The Blais property on Dale Ave.; Michael Clarke's property on Birch Street and the Gwyther property on Derby Street. The pump station on Pleasant Street also froze up. These residents have been asked to run their water; as well as a few other places to keep them from freezing as well.

Delinquent accounts: The board reviewed the status of delinquent accounts, and the status of current agreements that have been put in place.

Marty's comments: Marty informed the board that Alison Murphy, and Patrick Smart visited the plants for a sanitation survey. They discussed concerns and upgrades that may need to be done. They also discussed installing emergency eye wash stations and showers at the plants for the operator's safety, as they work with several chemicals.

Marty mentioned to the board about financial availability from NBRC when it is time to do the wastewater treatment study with the water department doing a 20% match.

Marty informed the board that 47% of the meters this quarter were estimated readings as the operators could not get to them due to the amount of snow.

Mary will check the meter at the Hannux residence on Railroad Street, per the request of the property owner; because the last bill had a very high usage. We want to make sure that the meter is not broken.

Commissioner's comments: Ralph mentioned that he was approached by 2 firemen about the hydrants not being shoveled out. The board will work on a solid plan for this issue for the next year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.