

Water/Sewer Board Meeting Minutes July 16, 2019

Present: Ralph Wilkins, Lisa Moore, Marty Frizzell, Wayne Elliott, Allison Murphy, Patrick Smart, and Teresa DeBonville.

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

Patrick Smart and Allison Murphy from the State of Vermont; and Wayne Elliott from A&E were present to discuss permitting and regulatory requirements, and the sanitary survey results. The purpose of the survey is to make sure that if one system fails, that the second can handle the volume needed to keep the system running. Our plants are 42 years old, and the life expectancy is usually around 30 years old. This is a concern for the state, and they want to make sure that the town has a plan in place to meet the permitting and regulatory requirements. The board discussed in depth what the process would be, and what would be a good starting place, as well as the availability of financial help (loans, bonds, etc.). It was decided that the first step in the process would be to have an engineering study done to show the exact source yield's and supply. A motion was made by Ralph Wilkins to proceed with an engineering study done by Aldrich and Elliott, knowing that we may have to borrow money to cover the cost. Lisa Moore seconds this motion, all in favor, so carried.

Patrick Smart stated that anything that the state could do to help, that they are more than willing to help in the process.

Pay orders: The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the water, sewer, and operations accounts.

Review previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting. The number of units to be charged for the Hatin building on Main Street should have read 6 units instead of 8 units; as this is all that are functional at this time. Ralph Wilkins motions to accept the minutes after this amendment to the minutes. Lisa Moore seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Delinquent accounts: The board discussed the delinquent accounts.

Marty's comments: Marty discussed with the board about the replacement of the valve by Simon The Tanner. Marty informed the board that instead of replacing this valve at this time; that Alder Street needs 600 feet of new line; and he feels that by replacing this line, it will also take care of the valve flow problem by Simon the Tanner.

Marty informed the board that a new line hook up was done on Dale Avenue.

A request from Gary Warren will be coming in to put water on to the property that he just purchased; accessing it from Lake Street from behind the Kathleen Blake property. It is noted in the minutes that the electrical will NOT be allowed in the same trench.

Marty's comments (cont.): Marty informed the board the Back Street pumping station surge protection work has been done.

Commissioner's Comments: None.

Other business: Lisa Moore will sign the propane contract with Fred's Energy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.