

Water/Sewer Board Meeting Minutes May 19, 2020

Present: Ralph Wilkins, Lisa Moore, Brittany Goulet, Marty Frizzell, and Teresa DeBonville

Lisa Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Updates to the Agenda: The agenda was updated to include water and sewer rate discussion and also Pleasant Street and Derby Street Pumps.

The board discussed how to handle the water and sewer rates for businesses during the covid-19 pandemic; and also after the governor's orders for shut down are lifted. Businesses in town have had to shut down due to the governor's order during the pandemic; at which has been no fault of their own; leaving the businesses with no income. Although the board has re-assured these businesses that their services would not be shut off for non-payment the business owners have questioned if the water and sewer department could give them a break on the rates . The board questioned whether or not there would be "bailouts" for small businesses available because of the pandemic. No decision was made by the board at this time, but they will continue to gather more information on the issue and address it at a later date.

Marty informed the board that he lost both Pleasant Street Pumps and the Derby Street pump was in rough shape. Marty has one of the pumps on Pleasant Street working; but is not sure for how long. The dilemma at this time is whether to spend significant money on repairs at this time if the state is going to mandate upgrades in the near future.

Review previous meeting minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Lisa Moore to approve the minutes as printed. Ralph Wilkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Marty's Comments: Marty informed the board that Juddy's has cleaned the sludge tanks at the water plant.

Marty informed the board that the three intake tanks had been cleaned.

Marty will be writing a letter to Maurice Barnes about replacing the meter pit at the campground. The board is okay with the water and sewer department covering the cost of the meter; but Mr. Barnes would be responsible for the cost of the rest of the work.

Commissioner's comments: None.

Other business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.