

## WATER/SEWER BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 25, 2022

Present: Ralph Wilkins, Brittany Goulet, Mark Vaillancourt, and Teresa DeBonville.

Brittany Goulet called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Updates: State representative response.

Mark Vaillancourt informed the board that he had reached out to Paul Lefebvre about the state's request to change our water source.

Paul Lefebvre responded to Mark stating that he had spoken with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and discussed this with them. This will continue to be discussed until a suitable solution is in place.

New rates for 2022: A motion to accept the increase in the water and sewer rates was made by Brittany Goulet. Mark Vaillancourt seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried. This will be a \$30.00 increase per quarter for customers who have both water and sewer and a \$10.00 per quarter increase for customers who have water only. This will begin being applied to the March 2022 quarterly bills.

2022 budget: A motion was made by Brittany Goulet to accept the 2022 proposed budget figures pending application of h2o's exact contract figure. Mark Vaillancourt seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

2021 Commissioner's report: A motion was made by Ralph Wilkins to accept and submit the 2021 commissioner's report as printed. Mark Vaillancourt seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: The board discussed reviewing the Main Street building account that is owned by Michael Hatin. When the laundry mat went into the building Mr. Hatin was told that the account would be reviewed in 3 years to discuss the rates being charged in the building; due to the fact that no business was in the old Buck and Doe part of the building and one of the apartments was unfinished. A business has since gone into the old Buck and Doe part of the building and we are unaware if the vacant apartment has been occupied. Mark Vaillancourt will contact Mr. Hatin about this.

Mark was contacted by Kean Galunas about the Back Street Pump Station over the weekend. It had gone down over the weekend, but Kean was able to get it back up and running.

Brittany will contact the vendor on the meter reader to schedule a special meeting to discuss their product more. This will be scheduled in March.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM