

BRIGHTON WATER & SEWER BOARD MINUTES

JULY 20, 2021

PRESENT: Brittany Goulet, Ralph Wilkins, Mark Vaillancourt, Kean Galunas & Lisa Moore

Brittany Goulet called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Previous minutes from June 23 and July 5, 2021 had already been reviewed by the board. Ralph Wilkins made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Brittany Goulet seconds. All in favor.

UPDATES: Prices for Propane; Extra Pumps

Ralph Wilkins said that if we wanted a lock in price with Fred's Energy for propane that we could get 2500 gals at 1.85 per gal. Ralph recused himself from the decision because he works for Fred's Energy. Mark Vaillancourt made a motion to accept the lock in price with Fred's Energy. Brittany seconded the motion. All in favor. Kean Galunas had a contract in hand from Fred's Energy. Brittany Goulet signed the contract on behalf of the Water/Sewer Board.

Mark Vaillancourt spoke of concerns of only having one extra pump on hand for a pump station if a pump should fail. He suggested that since each pump station has a different size pump, that we should have an extra pump on hand for each pump station. They are not that expensive and can save money and work time in the long run. Ralph and "Brittany agreed that if there is money left over from the projects that we can use for these or from the budget, that they should purchase the extra pumps.

Kean Galunas informed the board that they are experiencing the same issue as last year with someone flushing adult diapers and clogging the pump station. Brittany Goulet will once again send letters to the six residents who use this pump station, reminding them of what NOT to flush.

The board discussed the proposal of H2O Innovation. They all agreed that though the proposal was more than what they pay for services at this time, it was not unreasonable. When they meet with Jefferson Tolman on Thursday, July 22, they just want to clarify that they expect the same overall duties to be covered in the contract that the operators perform now such as mowing, shoveling hydrants, and daily maintenance duties. They want to be sure that the contract covers all that Piscatiqua has provided and that the operators will continue to do the same tasks as they do now. Mark, Ralph and Brittany all agreed that they were on board with the proposal, except for these concerns.

The board asked Lisa Moore to send out Water Shut Off Notices along with payment agreement forms and information on signing up for the second round of the VCAAP program. This program can help people who got behind on paying their bills if they were directly affected by the pandemic period.

Meeting Adjourned 6:56 PM