

WATER/SEWER BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 18,2022

Present: Brittany Goulet, Ralph Wilkins, Mark Vaillancourt, Joel Cope, Roger Sheldon, and Teresa DeBonville.

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

Update agenda: The agenda was updated to discuss the pump stations.

Mark informed the board that he had spoken with John Reilly on the Pleasant Street Pump Station. This station is going to have new rails. John informed Mark that the \$190,000.00 was allocated; but no other funds for the other pump stations were available at this time.

Roger Sheldon told the board that he had been discussing options to cut costs with Kirsten Warden from Hoyle and Tanner. Originally, plans were to build a building for the headworks; but now there is discussion about combining with the buildings to lower costs.

John Reilly is looking into more funding sources but has not received any answers thus far.

H2O Innovation comments: Roger talked with the board about increasing rates and suggested raising them a little every year instead of a big percentage at one time.

Water/sewer operator comments: None.

Budget: The board continued to work on budget numbers for the 2022 proposed budget.

It is inevitable that rates will need to be raised. The board discussed raising rates about \$30.00 per quarter for customers who have both water and sewer; and \$10.00 per quarter for customers who have water only. The board will discuss this at town meeting with the town's people.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.