

## WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 16, 2023

Present: Noah Bond, Mark Vaillancourt, Andy Martin, Kean Galunas, Bruce Rumball-Petre, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Mike Strait and Joel Cope.

Bruce Rumball-Petre called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update Agenda: Lead and Copper Testing, Valve testing.

An email was sent to all board members from the state stating that funding would be available, and the Brighton water system would be eligible for this funding to do lead and copper testing on the piping. This is a program that would be fully funded with a forgiveness loan up to \$93,442.00. This is something that the state is mandating being completed by October 2024. We will reach out to Rodger Sheldon on this.

Also, there is a program offered for free valve testing. The board agrees that we will do this.

Public comment: None.

Update on Lakeside Campground Meters: This project is near completion and will be finished in the timeline given to Maurice Barnes before the campground opens for the season.

Discuss capital planning and maintenance improvements: Noah Bond spoke with the board on implementing capital planning and maintenance improvements. Noah explained to the board that he would be discussing this with all the facility heads, so that we can get a somewhat clear focus on the upcoming budgets as to what is needed and how we can implement these needs into our budgets. Some of the projects and needs that the water and sewer department discussed with Noah are the following:

1. Getting a panel for the Meadow Street Pump Station.
2. Replacing the rails at the school.
3. Putting in the check valves at the Back Street Pump Station and putting up either billiards or fencing.
4. Generator at the South Plant.
5. Electrical Switch at the North Plant.
6. The water line comes across Cross Street.

Noah will get with Rodger to see what else needs to be done.

Letter to be sent with June water and sewer bills explaining rate increases: The board agreed to have Noah draft a letter explaining to the rate payers about the increase. Noah will draft a letter

and send it to the board for approval before printing it out and having it ready to send with the June bills.

Approve minutes of the previous meetings: The board reviewed the minutes of the April 18, 2023, and the April 25, 2023, meeting minutes.

In the April 18, 2023, minutes, a revision was made to change the campground units to 25 units, and to note that Sunrise Manor be charged for 24 units.

A motion to approve the minutes after the revisions was made by Mark Vaillancourt. Andy Martin seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Mike Strait told the board that he will be sending a letter of interest to the Northern Borders Regional Commission for One Million dollars.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.