

**Water and Sewer Commission  
Municipal Building  
15 St. Paul St.**

**Minutes from November 8, 2012  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Room  
6:30 pm**

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**Water and Sewer members in attendance:**

Chairman Kluchewicz, Charlie Sawyer, Tom Devlin and John Parmentier

DPW Director, Mike Suprenant

**Also present:**

**Recording Secretary: Amy Sutherland**

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The Chairman opened the meeting for the Blackstone Water and Sewer Commission at 6:30 pm.

**713 Rathbun St.**

Mr. Mikula, who resides at 713 Rathbun St., was present to discuss the outstanding water bill from 15 years ago. The resident indicated that he has always paid his bill on time. It was communicated by the resident that the contractor from 15-20 years ago never paid.

The resident communicated that he did contact the contractor and the contractor did not agree to offer payment on this bill.

The Water and Sewer Commission validated that there was a connection that took place. This was indicated with Code 995 on the bill.

**On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by Charlie Sawyer, the Water and Sewer Commission voted to have the resident by paid 350.00 be paid and fees waived.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Charlie Sawyer	no
Tom Devlin	no
John Parmentier	no
Bob Kluchevitz	yes

Vote Fails

**On a motion made by Charlie Sawyer and seconded by Tom Devlin, the Commission voted to forgive the complete service prior along with interest fee on proof that the pipe has been capped.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Charlie Sawyer	yes
Tom Devlin	yes
John Parmentier	yes
Bob Kluchevitz	yes

This will be abated.

**329 Blackstone Street:**

The Commission was made aware that the late fee in the amount of \$11.70 was paid.

**11 Michelle Lane:**

Mr. Budd was present at the meeting. He did indicate to the Commission that there was a construction loan and Walnut Construction was given the money prior.

Mr. Budd indicated that he has never received a late notice for a bill until this most recent came. Walnut Construction was going to pay this from the beginning. This should have been taken care of by Walnut Construction.

There are two meters on this lot. There is one for Lot 11 and one for Lot 9. Lot 11 has a bill and Lot 9 did not.

The resident has been there for 22 years and has never seen an original bill.

The Commission does not know if this is a water and sewer bill since we do not have the original bill.

Chairman Kluchevitz wanted to know if the archived bills are in the basement.

Member Sawyer noted that we want to get these numbers off the book. This is from 22 years ago. The bill is basically \$133.00 in interest.

This will be tabled until the next meeting December 13, 2012.

**4 Warner St./ 4 William St.**

The applicant Mr. & Mrs. Krajewski were present. They live at 4 Warner St. The property has Woonsocket water. The bill was attached. The resident also supplied a bill with payment of \$74.63.

It was communicated to the resident that the City of Woonsocket does not supply water service, but there is a flat charge for sewer for unmetered flow.

The Commission discussed that prior to 1981 residents were paying water and sewer to the City or Woonsocket. After 1981, the residents started paying to the Town of Blackstone.

**On a motion made by Charlie Sawyer and seconded by Tom Devlin, the Commission voted unanimously to abate 5 Williams Street \$74.01.**

**12 Prospect St.**

The Commission would like this item tabled until the next meeting held on December 13, 2012 since the bill was not generated.

The resident did explain that they want abatement only on the sewer side of the bill.

The resident provided permission to have the Commissioners visit the property.

**2014 Budget Preparation:**

The Chairman wanted to know who is preparing the Water and Sewer budget.

The DPW Director indicated that he will prepare and submit the budget to the Town Administrator.

The Commission would like to sit with the DPW Director to figure out the priorities for Capital.

He put this together aggressively and should have sought input for capital budget.

He would like a liaison for the capital budget. There is a report or master plan for BSC for prioritization for sewer projects for part of the grant application.

This needs to be located.

There is a BSC report when the power plant was done.

This was a master plan done through Phil Herr there was a total master plan.

There is a plan for the sewer design from BSC.

There was a phase system which was voted down and engineering was not done.

The Water and Sewer Commission needs to be part of the Finance Committee budget discussions at the early stage.

The operational budget will be zero percent increases.

The Commission will set up workshops for the next few weeks.

**Meter Replacement:**

The DPW Director indicated that he is looking to get a contract set up for the meter program. He has received copies of the specification. Money has already been budgeted, but not for the full program.

There are currently 1 box of ten meters. There are about 240 meters that are not working. We can spend up to \$15,000 to get those fixed. The Commission agreed that they must get something that is compatible.

**On a motion made by John Parmentier, and seconded by Charlie Sawyer, the Commission voted unanimously to appoint Tom Devlin as the liaison for the meter replacement.**

**Well #8 & #9:**

**On a motion made by John Parmentier, and seconded by Tom Devlin, the Commission voted unanimously to appoint Charlie Sawyer as the liaison for Well #8 & Well #9.**

**On a motion made by Tom Devlin, and seconded by Charlie Sawyer, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Recording Secretary

Approved December 13, 2012