

Water and Sewer Commission
53 Elm Street
Blackstone, MA 01504
Minutes from December 11, 2014
6:30 pm

Water and Sewer members in attendance:

Charles Sawyer	Dan Keefe	Tom Devlin	Bruce Paterson	John Parmentier
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Also present:

Superintendent James Sullivan

Recording Secretary: Amy Sutherland

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

6 Jefferson St.:

Present: Resident, Thomas Brouillard

The resident received a bill in the amount of \$1589.44. The bill has not been paid. The water usage was for 295,740 gallons. The meter reading was 325420 on October 7, 2014. The Department of Public Works did performed a meter re-read on December 1, 2014 and the reading was 330140. The Department also performed a leak detection on November 7, 2014. There was a ½ inch ring noticed in the upstairs toilet. The resident does have irrigation and an in ground swimming pool. The resident presented their previous water bills and the usage for those bills was between 21,000 and 38,000 gallons. The Commission discussed that they would like to stick with the established policy which is to have the meter sent out to be tested.

24 Dollard Street:

Present: Resident, Mr. Contoir. 24 Dollard

Mr. Contour was present and informed the Commission that his water usage increased but he was not home the summer. The Commission offered to go out and do a leak detection, the resident will check his bill the next time around.

15 Valley Street:

Present: Mrs. McKinnon

Mrs. McKinnon was present and explained that she still does not have the paperwork which explains the loan modification which was done. She informed the Commission that she would like to enter into a payment plan with the Town.

The Commission would like to get the accurate numbers before setting up a payment plan. They also wanted to know what the penalty and interest on the account is.

93 Edgewater Dr.:

Present: Colleen Cournoyer

The Commission was in receipt of paperwork submitted by Ms. Cournoyer regarding the water and sewer demand she received on her bill. This includes a late fee of \$21.12. The paperwork indicates that an online bill from Citizens Bank was issued on December 3, 2014 in the amount of \$913.92.

On a motion made by Dan Keefe and seconded by Tom Devlin, the Commission voted unanimously to take off the late charge of \$21.12 on the water bill for 93 Edgewater St.

Water and Sewer Connection Fees:

The Commission is in receipt of a collection of water and sewer connection fees from the surrounding towns. This Commission reviewed connection fees from the following towns: Uxbridge, Bellingham, Norfolk, and Medway. This item will be discussed further. The Chairman communicated that a public hearing will need to be held at which point the public may provide feedback.

Commitment:

Transfer to Taxes:

On a motion made by Dan Keefe and seconded by Tom Devlin, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the commitment for transfer of taxes for \$26,041.83 (Sewer) and \$15,645.30 (Water).

FY 2015 1 Semi-Annual Commitment:

On a motion made by Dan Keefe and seconded by Tom Devlin, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the commitment for FY 2015 Semi-Annual for \$286,620.44 (Sewer) and \$448,658.05 (Water).

Capital Projects:

The Water and Sewer Commission submitted the paperwork for the Capital Projects. Capital Outlay Committee has not set a meeting set up to discuss these items. The items of the paperwork include the following:

- Portable Generator
- Main Bridge Crossing

Budget FY 2016:

The Chairman informed the Commission that the preliminary draft budget has been submitted. The Water and Sewer Commission will attend the Finance Committee meeting with the FY2016 numbers on December 15, 2014.

Acceptance of Minutes:

November 13, 2014:

On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by Bruce Paterson, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes from November 13, 2014.

Other Business:

Meter Replacement:

Meter Replacement throughout town continues to be ongoing. One of the Commissioners mentioned that there is a resident on Lincoln Street who refuses to allow anyone on his property to change the meter. It has been stopped for many years. The Commission discussed having a police escort DPW employees go to the property to change meter.

Interest on Bills:

The Assistant Treasurer/Collector wanted the interest rate on the water and sewer bills to be added daily like the real estate bills. Currently, interest is added monthly. The Commission would like to continue with the interest added monthly and not daily.

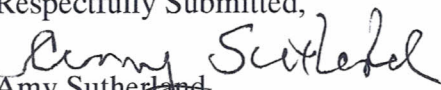
Article Transfer money to Well #9:

The Commission discussed an article to transfer any remaining money from the water tank to Well #9. The Chairman will work on drafting the article.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Tom Devlin, and seconded by Bruce Paterson, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary