

Hooksett Sewer Commission
June 2, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM. Present were Chairman Sidney Baines, Commissioner Roger Bergeron, Commissioner Raymond Robb, Superintendent Bruce Kudrick and Bethany Hague.

APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2009

Commissioner Bergeron made a motion to accept the May 19, 2009 meeting minutes as read. Commissioner Robb seconded. Chairman Baines abstained.

APPROVED AND SIGNED MANIFESTS

READ CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCIAL REPORT –Mr. Beloin submitted his analysis of rate changes to cover the payments for both the current SRF loan of 3.5 million, and the future 3.1 million. Chairman Baines asked if the 3.5 amount included the 20% matching state funds. Mr. Beloin informed him that it did not, as that state program was rescinded due to budget constraints. Mr. Beloin was informed by the state that if the economy improves, the grant program may begin again, but it is not guaranteed.

Currently the Sewer Commission has one payment in reserve. Mr. Beloin suggested that this continue to be held in reserve in case the Sewer Commission has unforeseen problems in repaying any part of the debt. Debt repayment will begin sometime in July 2010 for the current construction, and some time in 2011 for the 3.1 million. He recommended that the Sewer Commission always stay one year ahead of repayment, which is why he is recommending that the increases in rates and rents start as soon as possible for BOTH projects.

Mr. Beloin’s report showed that an increase in rents and rates should be as follows:

	<u>Current Rents</u>	<u>Proposed Rents</u>
Residential	22.00	33.00
Commercial	35.00	53.00
Industrial	55.00	83.00
<u>Current Usage Charge</u>	\$3.70/thousand gallons	
Proposed Usage Charge	\$5.60/thousand gallons	

Commissioner Bergeron made a motion to increase sewer rents and rates to begin with the October 2009 bills, for usage beginning July 2009. Commissioner Robb seconded. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT KUDRICK'S REPORT

CLARIFIER – The Clarifier is sinking. From May 6th to now it has dropped 2 inches. There is nothing that can be done at this point. The state has suggested that the Commission hire an outside engineer to review the site. More information will be given at the next construction meeting.

PHASE II FINISHING – Phase II plans are being reviewed to see what projects need to be finished. As Phase II was already engineered, it is just a matter of completing the projects eliminated due to budget cuts. Phase III hasn't been engineered, but it is not as intensive as Phase II. A new press is needed, and it was determined that the old one would be refurbished to provide a second press for redundancy purposes and to satisfy state requirements.

ROBIE'S STORE – Supt. Kudrick gave the Commission a letter to review and sign regarding the need for grease disposal at Robie's Store.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

ELECTRICITY NEEDS - *Gus Fromuth and Howard Plante from Halifax-American Energy Co.* – These gentleman came before the Board to discuss how their energy company could save the Commission money on electric bills. They discussed how they sell their power, and compared their prices to PSNH's over the past year (data was given to them beforehand). Halifax's contracts are on a month to month basis, and have no hidden fees to sign up or opt out. Their pricing is based on averaging hourly consumption, as opposed to PSNH that buys their power in wholesale chunks at a set price. Halifax also will monitor the market, and will tell their customers when they should go back to PSNH because of cheaper rates. There are no fees for reinstating service with PSNH.

There is also the possibility of creating income by joining the generator pool. This monthly stipend is given to entities with generators that could be called upon when consumption is at its highest. Using the generator would take the facility off the electrical grid for a specified time, freeing up that power to go elsewhere. The stipend could be up to \$2000 per month when the new generator for the plant is installed.

It was decided that a contract would be sent over for the Commissioners to review and discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 2:15 PM Commissioner Bergeron motioned to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II (a). All in favor. At 2:15 PM the Commissioners came out of non public session. Based on a favorable review, Scott Tremaine received a 2% increase

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bergeron motioned to adjourn at 2:45 PM, Commissioner Robb seconded. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Commissioner Ray Robb
Clerk