



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

Robert Wilson, Chair
Cranston Rogers, Member
Leo O'Rourke, Member

APPROVED 06/15/15

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2015
DPS Office
155 Village Street

Present: Robert Wilson, Chan Rogers, Leo O'Rourke DPS Director Thomas Holder and Program Administrator Judi LaPan.

A motion was made by Bob Wilson to open the Water/Sewer Commissioners meeting at 5:00 PM. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 3-0.

Bob Wilson made a motion to approve the January 2015 and February 2015 minutes. Leo O'Rourke seconded. Unanimous vote, 3-0.

The April minutes need to be changed. Judi will add formal language and resend to the Commissioners for their approval. Abatement recovery: See synopsis. 50% of overage of the most recent bill

Abatement Request - 30 Highland Street –Jessica & Richard Scalzo. This is a Water /Trash account. They do not have town sewer. There was a silent leak in multiple toilets in the house. They replaced the flappers using universal flappers that they purchased at Home Depot. Two of the toilets continued to leak so they went online and orders flappers specific to their Toto toilets. The homeowners are requesting an abatement due to the financial hardship this high bill creates. The prior bill cycle had been very high (\$511.67) and they thought they had simply used more water. They did not realize they had a leak. It was not until they received the \$1204.77 bill that they and the fact that they were unaware they had a leak until they received the high bill and a call from the town. They contacted a plumber and made repairs. They were billed for 14542cf of water. If an abatement were granted bringing the usage down to an average of the last year of 2086 cf, the value would be approximately \$967.60.

Robert Wilson makes a motion to reduce the difference of the water charges on their average bill and the last bill reflecting the leak owed by 50%. Leo O'Rourke seconds the motion. Unanimous. 3-0.

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Action Items:

1. Bob Wilson would like reports run for high usage
2. Reformat the minutes for to show Action Items
3. Leo O'Rourke requested budget Actual to Year to Date
4. Run numbers for residential and commercial accounts
5. Post Rate Hearing, Public meeting and Legal posting

Rate Study Discussion Continuation - Tom Holder discussed the proposed numbers with Carol Pratt, the Town Accountant, and Melanie Phillips, the Town Treasurer. They are confident the numbers all look good. A 92% collection rate is factored into the revenue balance. Bob Wilson asked if the rate structure is still tiered. Tom Holder says yes and provided the rate chart information. Bob Wilson asks if the Board of Selectmen have seen these numbers? Tom Holder said yes they have and they understand there will be a rate hearing on June 15, 2015. There will be a regular Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting at 5 PM, and then the Public Rate Hearing at 6PM.

Annual Town Meeting Discussion: Tom Holder reviewed each of the Town Meeting Articles pertaining to the Water & Sewer Enterprise interests.

Directors Reports:

The paving on Village Street is scheduled and will have structures adjusted and be reclaimed within the next week. The street will then sit at binder until the final top coat is placed sometime in late July. We will then move over to Adams Street and we will perform the same process. The final top coat on Adams and Highland Streets will be placed prior to the end of the paving season in November. Tom Holder reports that the leak on Lovering Street remains a bit elusive. We installed a valve, and replaced the piece of pipe. The water into 46 Lovering Street has slowed down. Tom Holder then states that he feels the need to discuss centralized filtration due to the high levels of iron and manganese. The Town is currently in the discussion phase with Department of Environmental Protection regarding where the centralized stations would be installed. The Village Street well site could be a good site, or Populatic Street. The Town would have to pipe all other stations to the new spot.

Member Perogatives:

Bob Wilson asks if we centralize the pump, will it change the pressure or the volumes? Tom Holder said that the only thing that will help with pressure is replacing the pipes. They could be cleaned, and relined, but many lines are undersized, so cleaning would not help with the pressure. Bob Wilson also asks about fluoridation. He is wondering if we still fluoridate the water? Tom Holder says yes we do, at 1.0milligram per liter. Fluoride is mandated by the Department of Public Health.

The next Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting will be held on June 15, 2015 at 5PM. The Rate Hearing will then follow and will be held in Sanford Hall at 6PM.

Bob Wilson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15PM. Leo O'Rourke seconds.
Unanimous vote: 3-0.

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