

Water and Sewer Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 3 PM

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6 Present: Chair Walter Liff, Ex Officio David McGuckin, Superintendant of Public Works
7 Stephen Tabbutt, Accountant Debra Knowles
8 Members: Vice Chair John Ireland, Normand Houle
9 Alternate Members: Chet Fessenden, Reg Whitehouse
10 Deceased: Walter Glidden
11 Secretary: Gary Dozier
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13 Chairman Liff called the meeting to order at 3 PM and immediately invoked a moment of
14 silence for member Walter Glidden, who passed since the last meeting.
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16 Chairman Liff reviewed the checks for the Commission's approval. John Ireland moved to
17 approve the checks as read with exception. That exception references a check to the City of
18 Portsmouth for flow metering equipment. Apparently there are two sets of flow meters in
19 operation and concern exists for whether the additional flow meter is needed and how
20 permanent the use of that extra flow meter is. It was decided that payment to Portsmouth
21 would not be made until more information is learned by Supt. of PW Stephen Tabbutt.
22 Normand Houle seconded the motion. Motion carried. As of May 31, 2016, the water and
23 sewer funds were as follows:

24 Water: \$139,700.51
25 Sewer: \$373,551.52
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27 The Commission reviewed the minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting. Chet Fessenden moved
28 to approve as corrected orally. The two corrections are
29 [line 16, page 1] "...will be over \$4K. [added:] Also discussed was payment for paving by
30 Crisco for water break in 2013."
31 [line 31, page 1] "...and \$350,456.56 in the checking sewer account." [changed to:] "...and
32 \$350,456.56 in the *sewer checking* account." John Ireland seconded the motion. Motion
33 carried.
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35 Accountant Deb Knowles asked for more specifics on expected expenses for the fireboat
36 gifted to New Castle from Portsmouth.
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38 On other business it was determined to bill Laurie Clark for half of the paving costs
39 associated with her home at 38 Laurel Lane.
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41 Also, there had been a discussion with John Bohenko, City Manager of Portsmouth,
42 regarding the water rate increase. New Castle hopes it can get a five-year payback plan on
43 the calculated indebtedness to

1 Portsmouth because a contract that was not renewed in a timely fashion. The rate is going
2 up in July, 2016, but it may be possible to put it off until January, 2017. It was hoped that if a
3 five-year plan was not acceptable to Portsmouth, possibly a three-year or two year one
4 might be. It was also noted that Greenland pays a much lower rate for their water from
5 Portsmouth, and it has much further to travel than water from Portsmouth to New Castle.
6 It was expected that New Castle would get an answer today, but it did not occur. The new
7 water rate from Portsmouth is no longer a bargain. John Ireland asked if New Castle should
8 direct their concerns to the Public Utilities Commission.

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10 Normand Houle moved to adjourn the meeting and John Ireland seconded that motion. The
11 meeting adjourned at about 4 PM.

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