

**MEETING OF THE ORLEANS
BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 19, 2011**

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A meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was held Wednesday, October 19, 2011 in the Nauset Room, Town Hall:

Those present were Leonard Short, Kenneth McKusick, Kenneth Rowell and Judith Bruce of the Board, associate member Joseph Cardito, Susan Brown and Todd Bunzick of the Water Department. Absent was Robert Rich of the Board.

Judith Bruce called the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

JANE MARONEY

Jane Maroney came before the Board to complain about the 3-hour call-out charge for services performed to repair a leak at her meter on Saturday September 10, 2011 at 25 Uncle Israel's. Ms. Maroney felt that \$180.00 was an excessive charge for ten minutes of work. Ms. Maroney was informed that the union requires that workers who respond to a call after hours must be paid a minimum of three hours of work at time and a half and that the same work would have been done for no charge during regular working hours.

A motion was made by Kenneth McKusick seconded by Kenneth Rowell to reduce in half to \$90.00, the charge for Ms. Maroney. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0. The Board will review the Water Department Rules & Regulations.

Ms. Maroney also complained about the use of well #7 during the summer months causing rusty water at her home.

MINUTES

On a motion by Leonard Short seconded by Kenneth McKusick the Board voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2011 as written. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

STORAGE TANK MIXING SYSTEMS

The Orleans Water Department after careful review and in consultation with Associate Board Member, Joseph Cardito recommends the PAX system for mixing of storage tanks #1 & #2. One of the factors in the decision was the inability to clean the storage tanks in house as usual if we were to place the Tideflex System over the inlet/outlet pipe.

A motion was made by Joseph Cardito seconded by Kenneth McKusick to accept the Water Department recommendation and install the PAX system at Tanks #1 & #2 during painting and rehabilitation. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

STORAGE TANKS

The Board was provided with the storage tank annual inspection reports as prepared by Haley and Ward Engineers for their review. We plan to paint and rehabilitate Tank #1 early September 2012 and Tank #2 early September 2013.

GENERATOR TANK #2

The generator installed with funding from the Fire Department has been completed. The radios for the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority, Fire Department, Police Department and Water Department will now run for approximately one week's time with the installed propane tank during a power failure.

WELL #1

The motor at well #1 was replaced the pump was reinstalled and the well was chlorinated. After sampling the department hopes to put the well back in service.

WATER QUALITY LAB

GROUNDWATER ANALYTICAL

Groundwater Analytical closed its doors without notice and joined with Alpha Analytical. There is now the potential for a tier III violation for failure to submit testing results by the 10th of the month to DEP. Groundwater Analytical failed to submit our results from total coliform testing on September 8, 2011 until October 14, 2011 after several attempts to contact them. Several water departments have possibly been affected.

OLD BUSINESS

MAWARN

The Board was presented with information and a sample agreement for the Massachusetts Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) for their review and recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

A motion was made by Leonard Short seconded by Kenneth McKusick to move forward with a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to sign the agreement for the Massachusetts Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN). The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

RATE INCREASE

A motion was made by Leonard Short seconded by Judith Bruce to recommend to the Board of Selectmen a 3.5% water rate increase. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITMENTS / ABATEMENTS/ REFUNDS

A motion was made by Kenneth McKusick seconded by Joseph Cardito to commit for the month of September 2011 to rate \$77.81, to services \$840.00, to usage \$0.00, to installations \$240.00 and to added billing \$647.81. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Kenneth McKusick seconded by Leonard Short to refund a \$76.98 overpayment for 45 Nickerson Road to Today Real Estate. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Kenneth Rowell seconded by Joseph Cardito to refund a \$435.83 overpayment for 28 Twinings Lane to the Webster Family Trust. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

21 BOG HOLLOW ROAD

The Board received a request for a waiver of interest and an abatement for a large water bill received after the discovery of a leak between the meter pit and house.

The Board indicated that they wished to bill the usage for 21 Bog Hollow at the historical tier. An abatement form will be brought for a vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

A motion was made by Kenneth McKusick seconded by Judith Bruce to adopt a policy by where the excessive usage for a known water leak would be predicated upon the tier water was historically billed at. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:08 p.m., a motion was made by Leonard Short and seconded by Kenneth Rowell to adjourn the meeting. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED

1. Minutes September 21, 2011
2. Work order and invoice A2012-13 for Jane Maroney
3. October 5, 2011 memorandum from Haley & Ward regarding mixing systems
4. October 3, 2011 inspection report for tank #1 from Haley & Ward
5. September 15, 2011 inspection report for tank #2 from Haley & Ward
6. MAWarn sample agreement
7. Proposed 3.5% water rates increase worksheet
8. Commitments September 2011
9. October refund form for \$76.98 and \$435.83
10. A&S Construction request dated October 14, 2011.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Secretary, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners