



WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 8.23.22

Meeting held at Town Hall, Assonet, MA

9:00AM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker
Members present: Bob Parker; Paul Sadeck; Keven Desmarais
Staff present: Steven Chandler; David Thibodeau

Meeting being audio recorded by Paul Sadeck

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Billing

- FY2023 1st quarter billing completed. There were a still some estimated reads. David Thibodeau had contacted customers to schedule a time for him to put eyes on their meter to get an actual read, or asked customer to send a photo of the meter face to the water dept.

Water Bill for Acct 0288 and 1203R2

- Commissioners voted to apply abatements for these two accounts.
- Chandler to send letters notifying customers.

Rate Change Procedure

- To ensure water charges are all at the same rate for a particular quarter, it is suggested that all future rates changes go into affect directly after a quarters' billing is completed for that quarter instead of at the beginning of a new fiscal year or calendar year.

Neon Gas Station

- Because there is an agreement between the Town of Freetown and the City of Fall River stating that Fall River is to oversee any new business added to the Innovation Way Life & Science Park, the Commissioners state that Fall River is to oversee infrastructure, supplying water, and billing for Neon Gas.
- Bob Parker will call and invite Tom Tighe of City of Fall River to discuss IMA regarding new water services at Innovation Way Life & Science Park.

Permanent Bleeder Project

- Town Administrator, Deb Pettey, gave the go ahead to Jim Rezendes to begin the project.

Meter Replacement Project

- Bid almost ready to be sent out.

Independence Harbor

- David Thibodeau met Fred's Plumbing on site and the meter has been changed.

Excel

- Commissioners asked Chandler to draft a letter asking them to move the meter and backflow device to the adjacent building. Included with the letter should be copies of the photos of the backflow device and meter layout in the pit. By Mass regulations a backflow device may not be installed underground/in a pit

Hydrant Replacement at Water Street

- Hydrant needs to be replaced because it is broken. The fire department called David Thibodeau because they could not get the hydrant to close. It turns out they turned the operating nut in the wrong direction and bent the rod.
- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to hire KR Rezendes to replace the hydrant. Bob Parker 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Permit Rates . Commercial

- Commissioners came up with new permit rates for commercial installation of new water service connections.
- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to accept the new rates for 5/8"-2" water line for the following:
With exiting curb stop . \$1,399.00
Without existing curb stop . \$2,798.00
Bob Parker 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chipaway Pump Station . Generator

- Town Administrator, Deb Pettey, can put the project out to bid once Bob Parker gets her the cost for the stand it will rest upon which will be included in the bid docs.

Testing . Lead & Copper; THM

- David Thibodeau has dropped off all of the testing supplies to listed locations. He will pick them up beginning tomorrow and get them to WhiteWater technician when he has them all.

Sign Bills

Bob Parker and Paul Sadeck signed bills.

Abatement

- Keven Desmarais makes a motion to abate a charge inadvertently applied to a customers bill in the amount of \$144.00. Paul Sadeck 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other business that properly came before the Board that was not anticipated:

- David Thibodeau spoke with Warren Verga about a GIS System via an app.

Paul Sadeck motion to adjourn at 11:34AM. Bob Parker 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Chandler', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven Chandler

Senior Clerk

Freetown Water & Sewer Commission