



WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 4.25.23

Meeting held at Town Hall, Assonet, MA

9:30AM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker
Members present: Bob Parker, Chairman; Paul Sadeck; Mark Rosofsky
Staff present: Steven Chandler
Staff not present: David Thibodeau (at training)

FY2024 Water & Sewer Rates

- Water Rates will increase for FY2024 and will be based on increasesP
- for water purchased from City of Fall River and City of New Bedford.
- Mark Rosofsky makes a motion to accept the increase in rates as discussed. Paul Sadeck 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sewer Permit Fees

- Commission will review IMA with City of Fall River and discuss at a future meeting.
- Chandler will research Fall River rates.

Hydrant Water Usage Fees

- Fees are applied as outlined on fee schedule.
- Rate per unit charged is the commercial rate.

Water Infrastructure

- At the request of Deb Pettey, Inturim Town Administrator, David Thibodeau emailed a list of needs and cost at to her.
- There are a handful of valve/curb stops that have been cleaned out.
- Regarding 6 Quanapoag Road, there is a hydrant within 200' and there will be no hydrant installed in front of their house. Both curb stops will be dug up and fixed because they are not operational at the moment.
- Commissioners directed Chandler to reach out to homeowners and let them know the curb stops are on the list of things to work on. There will be no hydrant installed.

Senior Work Off Program

- Chandler has a in-office project for someone if there is a senior in need of work.
- He will reach out to Michael McCue and new COA director.
- Commissioners will mention to someone they know regarding hydrant painting.

Equipment

- David Thibodeau is looking into a ladder that will work in meter pits.
- Discussion of benefits of excavator and tractor backhoe to decide which will be better for department needs.
 - This would be used to excavate curb stops, etc, as needed by the FW&SC.
 - Mark Rosofsky makes a motion to allow Bob Parker to contact excavator company and ask if they would consider us paying less for equipment.
 - Paul Sadeck makes a motion to ask Town Administrator the best option we can get ARPA funding for. Mark Rosofsky 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Mark Rosofsky makes a motion to have David Thibodeau get a hydraulic users license. Paul Sadeck 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meter Replacement Project

- Project continues with meters being changed in East Freetown.
- Steve Vaccaro of Baystate Winsupply is working with Paul Sadeck to get transfer file to Vadar.
- Once the transfer file has been received by Vadar, Chandler will schedule training for staff and Commissioners.
- All 4th quarter bills will go out at the end of June after all meters have been installed.

Chipaway Pump Station . Generator

- Generator is on the stand. BigWheel went and lifted it into place. They said they will do good by the town. Bob Parker met with propane guy and will get price. Electrician will wire everything.

Hydrant Repair and Replacement

- Hydrants located at Cliff, Lark, Water, Rounsevell, Janice Marie Way have been replaced.

Permanent Bleeder Project

- Three bleeder pits and meters have been installed by JRD and they are up and running. A fourth bleeder is located at KRR rear yard and is up and running. All four pit meters are in gallons as reported to the City of Fall River.

Approve Minutes

- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to adopt minutes from 4.6.22. Bob Parker 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried. Chandler asked Paul Sadeck to send him a copy with Draft removed.

Sign Bills

- Bob Parker and Mark Rosofsky signed bills.

Paul Sadeck motion to adjourn at 12:03PM. Mark Rosofsky 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Chandler, Senior Clerk, Freetown Water & Sewer Commission