

## Minutes of the November 7, 2018 Water and Sewer Commissioners Meeting

Present: Jay Spahl, Fred Bazinet, Scott Zajkowski, Tom Fournier, Scott Pierkarczyk, George Patrinos, Lori Smith and Jason Walker (intern)

Jay called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Scott P. made a motion to accept the Oct.3, 2018 minutes as written, Fred seconded, all in favor. Passed unanimously.

Lots 19 & 20 Packard Drive – Andre Asselin: Mr. Asselin was unable to attend tonight's meeting and has asked to be placed on the December 2018 meeting. Mr. Asselin is looking to develop Lots 19 & 20 on Packard Dr. George said that pump station #5 is in that area. George wants to keep that pump station as active and preserve it in case of a problem down the line and we need to use it. He said that DEP would need to review this. Mr. Asselin will need to contact his civil engineer and follow the towns by-laws. He would need to submit a formal application and pay the engineering fees for the DEP regulation reviews.

Proposed Jesse Road Development- A Public Hearing was held on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to gather feedback from residents. George stated that there are some requirements we want to see incorporated into the plans which were outlined at the April 4, 2018 meeting. We have the recommendations on file submitted by Tighe & Bond. Scott P. expressed that he would like to be assured that there will be no smell coming from the system. The board will require proof in the form of a report from environmental 1 or a representative of the engineers that this is the correct system for the town and that it will not become stagnant, so that there will be no repercussions to the town. If we need to confirm their findings' they will be responsible for the fees. The board will hold off on approving the water and sewer connections until this confirmation is received. Scott P. made a motion to have the developer purchase two emergency pumps for the people in that development, Scott Z seconded, all in favor passed unanimously. The board stated that the emergency pumps would be kept in storage at the Sewer Dept. until needed by that development.

George read the monthly report for the Sewer Dept. which included, reading wells and extra meters, patching gates and trenches, assisting the Water Dept. with main breaks, repairing pumps, etc. The Sewer Department was experiencing problems with the pumps on Luther Lane becoming plugged and needing repair from daily flushing of baby wipes into the system. Flyers were distributed to homeowners on the street listing the types of items not to flush into the system. The Sewer Dept. was able to narrow it down to one house and has issued a certified letter stating the issue and that if it continues, they will be responsible for the costly repairs to the pump. Tom made a motion that if the signed green certified card does not come back, a second more stringent letter will be delivered by a constable outlining the potential penalty of water shut off, Scott Z. seconded, all in favor passed unanimously.

Water Dept. Monthly Report: George stated that there were several main breaks, meters were read and meter repairs made, installed new chemical feed pump in Station #6, rebuilt chlorine pump in Station #3, George took the 10 hr OSHA Construction Safety Class and has received OSHA card, George will be taking a day class on Asbestos, Toomey will be in on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> to calibrate and test station meters, LaFleur Electric provided a quote for a new communication system for the stations in the amount of \$8,300 for the Main Station and \$7,425.00 for Station #6. FW Webb provided a quote in the amount of \$4,065.83

for a repair of the Chlorine Analyzer for Station #3. Parts from the old one will be used for the Station #6 system. A discussion ensued regarding the new communication system and chlorine analyzer for Station #3. George stated that these issues need to be addressed as it is causing a lot of overtime costs due to the amount of alarms going off. George recommends starting with the communication system for Station 6 first as this is causing the most problems and see how that does and then go from there for Station #3. George said he would speak with Don at LaFleur to see if it is feasible to do this in stages. Scott Z. made a motion to approve the repairing of Chlorine Analyzer for station #3 in the amount of \$4,065.83, Tom seconded, all in favor passed unanimously. Scott Z. made a motion to approve the upgrading of the radio communication system in the amount of \$7,425.00 for Station #6, Fred seconded, all in favor passed unanimously. The board stated that these costs could be taken out of the Capital line item as they are emergency expenses. Scott Z. requested that the board be kept updated on the budget balances throughout the upcoming months. Scott P. questioned whether or not George may be able to negotiate the price of the communication system repairs if we were to do both at the same time. Scott P. made a motion that if George can negotiate with the contractor to get both for the same price that we give Mr. Spahl the authority to approve to electronic upgrades to both facilities, Tom seconded, all in favor passed unanimously.

Lori stated that we have hired an intern to assist with the regulation project that the board had previously approved. Jason Walker a Junior at Nichols College was selected for this position and is in attendance at this meeting to meet the board members.

31 Tanyard Road: Mr. Howe spoke with Lori yesterday and had thought he had requested to come before the board to appeal the fine, but he had not. He has been placed on the agenda for the Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and the date to pay the fine also extended to that date.

61 Airport Road: The Planning Board is holding a public hearing on Dec. 12, 2018 and would like the board's comments on that development by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Scott P. made a motion to add to the regulations the requirement that when developers install grinder pump systems, for every ten pumps, they must provide a new spare pump that is to be held by the Sewer Department in case of an emergency for those houses, Tom seconded, all in favor passed unanimously.

The board next discussed the purchasing of a camera in the amount of \$78,398.00 which was approved at the Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting. George said that the camera that will be purchased will be what is needed for the I & I Study. He has spoken with Mike Kracjik for the specifications of what is needed. A discussion ensued about whether or not it would be better to purchase the camera and share the cost and use with Webster. George will check into this possibility and also inquire about the lead time and date needed to lock into the quoted price for the purchase of the camera.

Oxford Ave Proposed Solar Farm: The Planning Board has dropped off a set of plans for a proposed solar farm on Oxford Ave. The date for requested feedback is Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> also.

DPW Study Committee Update: George had met with the consultants as did Scott Z. Scott provided them with his cell number as they had stated they may want to meet with him again but he has not been contacted since. Lori is scheduled to meet with them tomorrow.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm, Fred seconded, all in favor.