Minutes of the October 3, 2018 Water and Sewer Commissioner Meeting

Present: Jay Spahl, Fred Bazinet, Scott Zajkowski, Tom Fournier, George Patrinos, Lori Smith

Jay opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. Scott made a motion to accept the Sept. 12, 2018 minutes and the minutes of the Sept. 12, 2018 Public Hearing as written, Tom seconded, all in favor passed unanimously.

Lot 19 Dudley-Oxford Road – Marcin Plewa came before the board to request permission to tie into town sewer at Lot 19 Dudley-Oxford Road. Mike Krajcik recommended that the 8” main is to be extended to the end of the property, terminating in a manhole with a capped 8’ stub on opposite side for future expansion. He also recommended that the manholes be cored and booted and use 8’ plastic pipe. Mr. Plewa stated that he is looking to build a three-bedroom home. The board reviewed the fees with Mr. Plewa, who stated that he will review his options and then let the board know if he would like to connect to the sewer.

4 St. Anthony Street – Corey Brote came before the board to request to connect a 4-bedroom single home to town water. There was discussion as to how far down the current line goes past the second house. George stated that there is a gate that can be shut down and that he could go out and investigate how far past the hydrant the water line goes. The board stated that Mr. Brote would need to extend the line to the end of his property line. Tom made a motion to give George permission to explore where the water line ends on St. Anthony Road, and approval for 4 St. Anthony Road to tie into town water, Fred seconded. Scott Z. abstained, motion passed by a majority. Mr. Brote was informed that he would need to pay the $350.00 permit fee within 5 business days and that the approval would be good for a permit of one year.

Monthly reports:

Sewer:

- Service 2014 truck
- Adjusted packing @ Tanyard Pump Station
- Trimmed bushes at Main Plant
- Fixed manhole cover on Brandon Road (noise complaint)
- Popped covers on Mason Road for Jesse Road development
- Called for manhole cover off on Airport Road (Highway’s)
- Called to 9 Williams St. for sewer backing up (homeowner’s side)
- Called Tighe & Bond for Jesse Road plan changes
- Pulled Pump at Luther Lane, brought to Ruby Electric for repairs
- Called to 61 Dudley Hill Road for pump problems (homeowner’s side)
- Brentwood Ave generator not running, repaired and monitoring
Called back to 61 Dudley Hill Road at request of homeowner
Back to 61 Dudley Hill Road to work with Slim’s – they jetted the line and repaired check valve
Went to Recycling Center
Worked at shop- made holders for poles on new truck
Replaced gear oil and changed fittings on jetter
Replaced pump at Luther, pulled wires from wet well to station, also replaced float
Tanyard – changed air lines, all fittings, pressure gauge and air dryer
Maked out 7 June St. for Dig Safe
Cleaned floats at Lyons (grease), dumped grease buckets in Webster, Prep for Monday night jetting
Pumped Tanyard Pump Station
Continued jetting W. Main St.
Cut and trimmed plant & stations
Checked 31 Tanyard, after 5 visits got into home and is all set
Picked up municipal agreement and rules/regulations from Webster
Inspected extra meter at 68 Dudley Hill Road
Cleaned and adjusted phot eye at Tanyard Pump Station
Cut brush with Highway mower, main trunk line @ River – West St. to siphon.
Ordered extra meters for Nichols College

Water:
- Dug service at #324 Mason Road Ext
- Main break at #4 Saenger St. – 6” transite (called in 2 Highway workers) and 1 Sewer/1Water
- Hot topped all dig areas up to date
- Still waiting on parts for:
  - Station #6 Analyzer (chlorine)
  - Station #6 Communication modem
- Joe Papco from DN Tanks still coming in due to last weeks’ rain postponement
- Lawn mower sent to Ahearn Equipment for transmission repair
- Met with Frank Sullivan from Sullivan Well at Station #6 to check our eroded steel plate
- Met with Town Planner to check out areas of concerns affecting water runoff on Jesse Rd.
- Luke passed his D1 test and is in class for T1 license
- Brian is still in class for T3
- Started going over CMRPL Hazard Mitigation Report – 94 pages
- Luke working with Sewer to jet at night
- George will be taking course on construction safety mandated by state
Capital Expense items: George has submitted two articles according to our 5-year plan.

Water Dept:

- Replace a 2003 pick-up 4-wheel drive with plow that has 85,000 miles on it, with a F250 regular cab pick-up with plow and light bar for $36,500.00

Sewer Dept:

- New camera to view and record when we inspect sewer main for the D.E.P. on Inflow and Infiltration at a price of $71,397.42

There was some discussion about moving forward with replacing the water line on Mason Road this year instead of purchasing the truck. George stated that the cost of the new truck could come from retained earnings. He stated that it is impossible to begin this project now as we are currently in the process of the I & I study and the cleaning of the water tanks. Jay said that we can start investigating the financial side of the Mason Road project as it will be around a 1.5 million-dollar project. The board discussed loans that are currently out. Lori will check on the balance of the retained earnings. We may have to consider taking out a bond and pay it off over time. The board asked George to begin getting material costs and measuring the distance involved, hydrants, etc. to replace the water line on Mason Road.

Ethan Allen Hydrant Break:

The board reviewed the breakdown of the costs incurred by the town for the Ethan Allen hydrant break in July. The total amount to be billed to the property owner is $5,618.35. The cost breakdown is as follows: $3,735.00 for water loss; $1,772.85 for wages; and $110.50 for water testing afterwards. Fred made a motion to send an invoice to the property owner with a breakdown of costs incurred for this break as we did not have access to this property, Tom seconded, all in favor, passed unanimously. In addition to the cost breakdown, the letter will include the amount due within 30 days, and instruct property owner to contact this office prior to Nov. 1st if they would like to come before the board with any concerns/questions at our next meeting on Wed., Nov. 7th at 6:30 pm.

I & I flyer: Tighe & Bond submitted a flyer they had created to provide general information on the I & I study which can be available to residents via Cycle 2 invoices and as handouts at the October Annual Town Meeting. Scott made a motion to approve the I & I flyers to include in the next billing cycle, Tom seconded the motion, all in favor, unanimously passed.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm, Scott seconded, all in favor, passed unanimously.