

MEETING OF THE SPRAGUE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

Date: April 29, 2015
Time: 4:00 PM
Place: Sprague Town Hall
Present: Dennison Allen, Tom Hannon, Jack Malone, Todd Hastings, Christine Kurtz from Wright Pierce, Catherine Osten, First Selectman

Absent: none

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Dennison Allen, Chairman.

Minutes and Disbursements:

Jack Malone made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2015 meeting along with the disbursements for February in the amount of \$20,042.87. This motion was seconded by Tom Hannon. A vote was called and the motion was passed by all members voting in favor.

Discuss and possibly act on updated draft of IMA agreement from Norwich Public Utilities:

Dennison told the board members that he would like to move this down on the agenda.

Wright Pierce:

Christine told all present that Mike Giggi from Wright Pierce has been given the draft of the IMA from Norwich Public Utilities and he is in the process of reviewing it. Once he finishes he will give us his thoughts and concerns. Discussion followed.

Christine informed the board that the last sample was taken for the Safe Yield and they should have the results in a month or so.

Tom Hannon asked if there was any update on the dam at the reservoir. Christine indicated that there was no new update. Discussion.

First Selectman report:

Cathy Osten spoke to the board and let them know that we are still waiting for the electrical to be done at the new generator at Pump Station #2. She would like the board to give her their thoughts on any upcoming projects that they would like to tackle that she could possibly get covered by grants. Discussion followed on the SCADA system and

possibility of it being covered by grants.

Discussion ensued on the Wright Pierce study to Norwich and the possibility of getting on the Clean Water Fund priority list to cover the cost with a 55% grant.

Other projects discussed were moving the water and sewer lines on River Street and replacing some of the sewer lines in Hanover. Dennison would like the board members to think about this and come up with a list and let Cathy know. The question was asked how much are the grants so they can keep that in mind when deciding on a project and Cathy said the grants are for \$50,000.00 and under.

Status Report from Todd Hastings:

Todd spoke to the board regarding increases for employees and discussion followed. Todd informed the board that David Trainor told him that he has passed the test for his license. Kathleen indicated that we would need to have a copy of the results to proceed with reimbursement of fees and costs of test and increase for passing.

Todd informed the board about a sewer clog at a residence in Baltic Heights. Todd received a call from the homeowner and investigated the problem and found that the sewer line was frozen about seventy (70) feet. Todd called in James Benjamin to clear the line. It took three (3) days to alleviate the problem. Discussion.

Todd told the board that our seasonal part time worker is back.

Todd received a call from owner of 95-97 River Street about a sewer clog. He went down to investigate and found that the sewer main line was clear and that it was their problem. He gave the tenants a list of names of people he could contact to get it fixed and left. He later received a call from the owner and was informed that it was repaired and no longer clogged.

Todd received a proposal from blueearthlabs regarding preventing biofilm, organic and inorganic scale buildup in the columns in the raw water wells in addition to the finished water supply supplied to the distribution system. Discussion followed. Christine from Wright Pierce will check this out and report back to us.

Todd told the board that he would like to purchase a skid steer. Discussion followed. Kathleen asked pricing of this and Todd indicated around \$40,000. Todd will get bids and report back at the next meeting. This could possibly be covered by a grant.

Discussion followed about the possibility of Sprague covering the management of the sewer lines in Franklin and Bozrah. After much discussion it was suggested that Todd call the First Selectman of Franklin and set up a meeting to get more information.

2015-2016 Budget:

A discussion was held on items that will need to be added into the upcoming fiscal years Budget. We have not come up with rates yet as there is still a great deal of information we are waiting for before we can get figures. Discussion.

Review bills for payment:

A copy of the Check Detail was given to all the board members that detailed all the checks that have been written out since our March meeting. The board members reviewed the list. There were no questions.

Review past due accounts:

A report was handed out to all board members. The amount of accounts past due is \$62,772.06 of that amount \$3,482.68 is with Attorney Lloyd Langhammer, \$13,781.78 of that amount currently has payment plans in place. Payments received total \$12,574.39 since this was printed.

Versailles past due accounts total is \$2,899.37 and payment plan is in place for \$352.96 and \$658.57 is with Attorney Lloyd Langhammer pending foreclosure. Discussion followed.

Any other business to come before said meeting:

Tom Hannon posed a question about who is responsible for the upkeep of the Reservoir. Todd informed him that the Water & Sewer Authority is responsible for inside the bowl and the Town of Sprague is responsible for the outside. Discussion.

Jack Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Tom Hannon. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.