

# **MEETING OF THE SPRAGUE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**

Date: June 15, 2016  
Time: Immediately following Public Hearing at 7:00 PM  
Place: Sprague Town Hall  
Present: Dennison Allen, Tom Hannon, William Idarola, Jack Malone, Todd Hastings, Jeanne Miller and Richard Zictorac, residents  
Absent: Cathy Osten, First Selectman, Christine Kurtz, Wright Pierce

## **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Dennison Allen, Chairman.

## **Minutes and Disbursements:**

Jack Malone made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2016 meeting and the disbursements for May in the amount of \$29,451.06. This motion was seconded by Tom Hannon. A vote was called and the motion was passed by all members voting in favor.

## **Wright Pierce:**

Wright Pierce was not present.

## **First Selectman report:**

The First Selectman was not present.

## **Status Report from Todd Hastings:**

Todd informed the board members that OSHA has come down for a surprise inspection and he had found some problems at the sewer plant. Discussion followed. Todd said he was told by the inspector that there could be fines associated with his findings and he would send a report to the First Selectman with that information.

Jim Benjamin completed the job of installing a port for the Uranium sampling at the Reservoir. Discussion followed. Todd said the State had said that this port had to be done through a stainless steel spigot. Todd has some difficulty finding one but eventually did.

Todd informed the board members that they got out a truckload of sludge.

Station #4 work has been completed and the bill should be coming in. Discussion followed. Todd said the approximate cost will be \$10,000 and will be divided out over twelve (12) months so as not to increase the bill to the residents too much monthly.

Todd told the board that he has been cleaning up at the reservoir. A discussion ensued on problems that arise from residents leaving trash and debris up there after their visit. After much discussion it was decided that we would put this on our agenda to discuss at the next meeting with the First Selectman present.

**Discuss and possibly act on 2016-2017 Budget for Sprague Water & Sewer Authority:**

Kathleen explained she handed out budget copies and asked the board to review them. The 2016-2017 budget has increases on both the water and sewer sides. The sewer side has a 2% increase in the flat rate for sewer and the metered rate we also are instituting a mandatory upgrade charge of \$10.00 per EDU per quarter giving an overall increase of 9% for sewer. The water also has a 2% increase on the metered water charge and an increase in the customer meter service charge.

Jack Malone asked if we needed to make a separate vote to approve the new rates or if by voting on the budget that is based on the new rates was sufficient. Kathleen indicated that in the past we have always had just one vote approving the budget thus approving the new rates. Discussion.

Bill Idarola made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Water and Sewer Budget as presented. The sewer budget is \$389,978.65 which includes the new rate of \$110.00 per quarter per unit for fixed sewer and \$5.41/1000 gallons for metered sewer. Also a mandatory upgrade sewer use charge of \$10.00 per EDU per quarter. For water the budget is \$123,984.83 which includes the rate of \$5.50/1000 gallons for metered water and a customer meter service charge of \$12.25 per meter. Jack Malone seconded this motion. Discussion. A vote was called and the motion passed by all members voting in favor.

**Review bills paid:**

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 May meeting. The board members reviewed the list. No one had any questions.

**Review past due accounts:**

A report was handed out to all board members. The amount of accounts past due is \$21,315.79 of that amount \$1,663.15 is with Attorney Lloyd Langhammer, \$1,965.70 of that amount currently has payment plans in place. Accounts pending shutoff \$421.99. Payments received are \$2,148.39. Accounts foreclosed on by the Town of Sprague Tax Collector and in process of being turned over to the Town of Sprague,

2387.24.

Versailles past due accounts total is \$2,991.71.

**Any other business to come before said meeting:**

Bill Idarola asked to go into executive session to discuss an item and made a motion to go into executive session. This motion was seconded by Jack Malone. Residents that were in attendance were asked to leave and Todd and Kathleen were asked to stay. The Authority went into executive session at 7:48 p.m.

The board came out of executive session at 8:04 p.m.

Tom Hannon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Jack Malone. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.