

# MEETING OF THE SPRAGUE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

Date: March 16, 2016  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Place: Sprague Town Hall  
Present: Dennison Allen, Tom Hannon, Jack Malone, William Idarola, Todd Hastings  
Absent: Christine Kurtz, Wright Pierce, Catherine Osten, First Selectman

## **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Dennison Allen, Chairman.

## **Minutes and Disbursements:**

Jack Malone made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2016 meeting and the disbursements for January in the amount of \$51,380.61 also the minutes from the Emergency Special Meeting of March 9, 2016 and the disbursements for the month of February in the amount of \$42,967.35.. 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 and no report was sent.

## **Discuss and possibly act on James Benjamin bill for work done to locate and fix water leak:**

Copies of Mr. Benjamin's bills were handed out and reviewed and discussion ensued. Board member Bill Idarola looked for the average price for the work done and it was very close to the amount charged. The board members noted that the bills were not very detailed and therefore it is difficult to discern if there was a problem with the cost associated with the job. More discussion.

After much discussion Jack Malone made a motion to pay the two bills to Mr. Benjamin, one for \$22,500.00 and one for \$13,800.00. This motion was seconded by Bill Idarola. A vote was called and the motion passed by all voting in favor.

Discussion followed on how we are going to recoup the funds that we have paid out recently for the emergency water line break and the sewer problems in Hanover. After much discussion it was decided that we would table this discussion and Dennison asked the board members to think about ways that we can get funds to cover emergency

situations and bring their ideas to a future meeting.

**First Selectman report:**

The First Selectman was not present.

**Status Report from Todd Hastings:**

Todd spoke to the board regarding the water leak that was found at Sayles School and explained the work that was done by the school's contractor. He told the board members that he saw the work being done but was not present before they backfilled. He showed the board members pictures that were taken.

Todd informed the board members that they had been cleaning up and brought a good amount of scrap metal to Shires and received \$13.00 for the lot.

Todd showed the board members a map of the water line and told them that he would like to install a valve at the corner of Fifth Ave. By doing so it would allow him to shut off houses without shutting off the school should there be another leak. Discussion followed. He got a price for doing this of \$3,500.00. He also would like to install one on High Street and that price would be the same \$3,500.00.

Todd spoke to the board regarding the Uranium water testing. The State does not like the current set up and sampling point and has made suggestions on how they would like to see this upgraded. Todd got a price to do this work and that price is \$3,500.00. Discussion followed. After much discussion the board told Todd to check with Cathy and see if there are any funds she could find that would allow us to do this and have grant money pay for it.

Todd informed the board members that he will be on vacation April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed on who would cover for him should we need someone. Todd told the board that the person that did this in the past has retired. Bill Idarola told the board that he would cover for him and that he currently holds a class 4 license.

**Budget:**

Kathleen asked the board what they are planning on for the 2016-2017 budget in regards to wage increases and projects that she should consider and figure into next fiscal year's budget. The board told Kathleen to figure in a three percent raise for employees and a \$1.00 hourly increase for David Trainor for a new license. Discussion followed on other items that should be included. Todd said that we must add more money in for overtime and more discussion followed. Kathleen spoke to the board in regards to the overtime and told them that she has some concerns on how the overtime is being handled. Discussion followed.

**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 January 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 \$24,377.66 of that amount \$7,781.61 is with Attorney Lloyd Langhammer, \$1,695.53 of that amount currently has payment plans in place.

Versailles past due accounts total is \$2,658.23 and accounts with Attorney Langhammer is \$1,180.03.

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

Kathleen passed out a copy of the costs associated with the Violation notice that was in error and informed the board that she will be sending the bill to EML, the lab that made the error and caused the violation.

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 5:31 p.m.