

MEETING OF THE SPRAGUE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

Date: February 19, 2014
Time: 4:00 PM
Place: Sprague Town Hall
Present: Tom Hannon, Christine Kurtz from Wright Pierce, Todd Hastings,
Catherine Osten, First Selectman, Dennison Allen, Todd LaPointe, David
Trainor, Jack Malone
Absent: none

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Dennison Allen, Chairman.

Minutes and Disbursements:

Tom Hannon made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 15, 2014 and the disbursements for January in the amount of \$41,967.53. This motion was seconded by Todd LaPointe. Discussion followed. A vote was called and the motion passed by all members voting in favor.

Wright Pierce:

Christine updated the board on the current projects that they are working on:

On the I & I project there is still a punch list of items to be taken care of and they are working on getting them completed. A discussion followed on ineligible costs that will not be covered by the CWF loan.

The DOT project on the bridge repair was discussed. Christine informed the board that they will be getting started on this project soon. She informed the board members that the State will be covering the cost for the water main and our cost should be minimal.

Pump Station #2- They have still not gotten approval from DEEP regarding accepting the Bid from C.H. Nickerson and we cannot award the contract until we get this. Discussion followed. Once we get the approval Christine would like to bring down the on site engineer to meet the board and employees. He will be doing this on a part time basis. A discussion followed on the time frame for this project. Christine said that this project should be completed in a time frame of approximately three months.

First Selectman Report:

Cathy Osten handed out booklets with her Capitol Projects and she went through the report and touched on several pertinent items. She also discussed grant planning for future projects. She informed the board members that they are planning on doing several road repair projects and that they should consider taking care of replacing pipes while the road is being dug up in areas that need replacement. Discussion followed.

A lengthy discussion followed on repairs on River Street and what work needs to be done in that area. After much discussion it was decided that Todd would get the maps out and find out how the town will be splitting up the road project and bring that information to the next meeting for further discussion.

Cathy discussed with the board that she has received a bill for the I & I work and a portion of that bill has ineligible costs due to the fact that items that were taken care of were of a water nature and they cannot be covered under the sewer monies. A discussion followed. We will need to pay \$6,706.75 of that bill. Cathy said that we can submit bills that we have paid for sewer items to get that money back from the bond monies from PS#1 and this can help offset the unbudgeted cost to the Authority. Discussion followed. After much discussion the board approved moving monies from previous sewer projects to be paid under the PS#1 bonding monies to offset the ineligible costs from the I & I.

A discussion followed on the amount of monies left in the bond money from PS#1 and projects that we would like to get done with the costs to be paid from these monies. Cathy asked that Todd and Kathleen look at the bills already paid to see that all the work that has been done previously has been paid for so we can have an accurate count of what is remaining.

Discuss and possible act on customer complaint for 183 High Street:

Todd explained to the board that we had received a call from the person residing at 183 High Street and that her daughter has been diagnosed with high lead levels. She had the state come in to do an inspection and found that there is a lead pipe from our water system to her house. Discussion followed. Todd informed that board that they also found lead paint in the house. Todd told the board that we do annual lead and copper tests and although we did not test her house we did do tests on one of the houses a few doors down and there was no significant problem of lead in the water. He informed them that the state took samples and that she should be getting the results and will let us know the results. Discussion followed. The board asked that Todd get prices to replace this lead pipe and report at the next meeting.

Status Report from Todd Hastings:

Todd informed the board members that he was called by the resident at 41 Baltic Heights and that they had a sewer clog. He went to investigate and found that there was a problem and called in Service Plus to clear the clog. It appears to be roots in the pipe.

Discussion followed. There is approximately thirty feet of pipe that needs replacing and they are going to be paving that road this spring and he thought that we should replace this before the road is paved. Discussion followed. After much discussion the board asked that Todd take care of getting prices for replacing this pipe and report back at our next meeting.

Todd informed the board that the problem at the well house has been taken care of.

The Emergency Response Plan had been completed by Atlantic States. Dennison asked that he make sure the Emergency Response Team at the town has a copy.

Todd informed the board members that David Trainor passed one of his sewer tests and the board gave their congratulations to David.

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 January meeting. The board members reviewed the list and asked any questions they may have had..

Review past due accounts:

A report was handed out to all board members. The amount of accounts past due is \$45,569.03 of that amount \$14,137.49 is with Attorney Lloyd Langhammer, \$8,674.65 of that amount currently has payment plans in place. Versailles past due accounts total is \$2,641.02. Discussion followed.

Kathleen told the board members that she is in the process of getting a payment plan for 13 School Hill Rd. which is \$5,428.09 of the delinquent amount. She said that she has talked to the owner and has faxed a payment agreement over and is waiting to get the signed agreement back.

Any other business to come before said meeting:

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