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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES September 4, 2018

Attendance:

Chairman Mike King, Commissioner Tom Gauthier, Commissioner Bob Bean
BOS Rep. Mike Yergeau, W&S Administrator Dennis Koch; W&S Operator Jim Pouliot.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Epping Town Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

Chairman King welcomed Tom Gauthier to the board.

2. Appointments: Chris Albert of Jones & Beach discussed a proposed 55+ community development at the former Equestrian Estates site. Four buildings with ten units each. 40 units x 125 gpd = 20,000 gallons total. Gravity sewer and water service to come off rt.125.

CA also updated the Ladd's Lane water and sewer extension project, it is now scheduled to begin in the spring of 2019.

Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineers updated the Board on the bid openings for the wwtf project. Three bids were opened, all were over the budgeted funds available. Penta Corp. was the lowest bidder and DM is working with them to make changes and lower the cost. Some cost saving measures are: a longer time-line, precast tanks next to the new building and eliminating the new access road.

The main question is, work with Penta now or re-bid the project in the spring?

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to go forward with the changes suggested by DM and work with Penta to lower the cost. Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Approval of Minutes: August 17, 2018

Motion by Commissioner Bean to accept the minutes of August 17, 2018 as submitted. Seconded by Chairman King. Motion carried 2-0-1, TG abstained.

DM says DES supports us going back to the EPA and requesting an extension on dumping septage into lagoon #2 until the end of July. DM will draft a letter to go on our letterhead.

DM suggests a 2019 warrant article for the closing of lagoon #1.
TG asked if there are any grants available. Federal or State?

4 Administrator's Report: Discussion on rate increases.

JP suggested we charge for fire protection service, and also consider an elderly break on rates.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to increase residential water rates by 25% and commercial water rates by 35%. Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3-0.

**Motion by Commissioner Bean to increase residential sewer rates by 40% and increase commercial sewer rates and commercial unit fees by 45%.
Seconded by Commissioner Gauthier. Motion carried 3-0.**

Rate increase retroactive to July 1, 2018.

Discussion on the purchase of a roll-off truck to haul cans for disposal.

**Motion by Commissioner Bean to table the discussion of a truck purchase.
Seconded by Commissioner Gauthier. Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Bean excused at 9:10.

5. Operator's Report: Jim Pouliot discussed the new sewer regulations.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Chairman King: We will need a public hearing to adopt the new sewer regulations.

Commissioner Gauthier: Thanks?

Commissioner Bean: Excused.

**Motion to adjourn made by Chairman King.
Seconded by Commissioner Gauthier. Motion carried 2 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator