

DRAFT Water Commission Minutes- 2-4-19

Called to Order: 6:03pm

In Attendance: David Sander, Bard Hill, Christy Witters, Josh Arneson, Kendall Chamberlin, Jessica Draper, Mary Houle, John-Paul Lavoie, Lisa Lavoie

Public Comment: The Lavoie's requested that the town consider investigating and abating their high water bill from last summer. They said that their bill was \$1600 which is \$1200 more than usual for that time of year. The commissioners discussed possible reasons why usage could have been high, and the Lavoie's said that they could not determine a cause. They did explain that they have a pool, a tenant, and other water uses but that none of the uses are new. Kendall Chamberlin explained that there is no history of abatement, and that in the past we have put people on payment plans in these instances because the water is the responsibility of the user beyond the meter. Kendall Chamberlin agreed to test the Lavoie's meter. Bard Hill moved to delay the shutoff to investigate developing an abatement policy and test the meter, and revisit this shutoff after the meter has been tested. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor. So moved.

Bank Account Interest: Josh Arneson explained that a change to the town's bank account will allow for 2% interest, which could result in about \$10,000 accrued for the water account. Kendall Chamberlin reminded everyone that water and wastewater are accounted for separately from the general fund and separately from each other as well.

Superintendent's report: Kendall Chamberlin explained that the state is moving forward with more testing for PFOS and PFOA in water and it will likely incur costs. Kendall also have an update about a possible sludge drying pilot. He said that he had a meeting this coming Friday regarding our sludge contract. Kendall provided an overview of how the allocation process works, and that some allocations are paid for to be held for future development while there is not actual usage. Kendall stated that he would like to remind customers that they water resources department does their best to address calls in a timely manner, but winter weather can be a hindrance. Josh Arneson and Kendall Chamberlin provided an update about moving forward with funding the Bridge Street Crossing project. Christy Witters reminded those present of previous contract concerns to be addressed moving forward regarding lost days of work.

Warrants: The water commissioners questioned the format of the transfer of money from the water account to the general fund. They asked why the attached materials were not clearer. Jessica Draper explained that NEMRC is limited in what outputs it has for reporting purposes and that the materials provided are what Connie uses to reconcile the money owed between the accounts. Christy Witters moved to approve the purchase order for the phosphorus upgrade. Seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved. Christy Witters moved to approved the purchase order for the planning project. Seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved.

Next Agenda: The commission agreed that usage spikes, meter testing, and delinquent accounts would be topics for the next meeting on February 19th.

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Minutes: Christy Witters moved to approve the minutes from 1-22-19. Seconded by Bard Hill. Kendall Chamberlin requested a change to the statement regarding the highway department paving. All were in favor including the amendment, so moved.

Bard Hill moved to adjourn. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor. Adjourned 6:55pm.