



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

Barry Zide, Chairman

Leo O'Rourke, Vice Chair

Francis E. (Ted) Kenney Jr.,
Member

Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2018

APPROVED 06/18/18

Medway Middle School
45 Holliston Street, Door # 9
Medway MA 02053

In attendance: DPS Director Dave D'Amico, DPS Deputy Director Barry Smith, Commissioner Ted Kenney, Commissioner Leo O'Rourke, Commissioner Barry Zide, Water Superintendent Jim Lanctot and Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary Judi LaPan

Chairman Zide called the Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Due to a delay in receipt of completed 05/21/18 meeting minutes, Commissioner Kenney made a motion to table the minutes until the next meeting to facilitate review. Commissioner O'Rourke seconded the motion. Unanimous

Abatement Request – None

FY19 Rate Study Discussion

Director D'Amico discussed the water and sewer rate study informing the Commissioners that the rates need to be voted on prior to July 1, 2018. The Commissioners have scheduled a Public Rate Hearing for 6PM on Monday June 18, 2018. Director D'Amico discussed that after year 5 or 6 some of the Exelon Funds may be available. The Commissioners noted that they would prefer not to wait that long for Exelon funding. They plan to discuss this further with the Board of Selectmen.

Drinking Water System Sustainability Options

Director D'Amico informed the Commissioners that at the May 2018 Town Meeting funds were appropriated in the sum of \$1,224,000 for the purpose of funding a supply line from the Village Street well to the Populatic well site and the installation of a second well at the Populatic well site.

The designated sum includes the associated engineering, personnel, maintenance, construction and legal service costs. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or act in any manner relating thereto. The next step will be to either bid the engineering out or choose an engineering firm for the design phase. Commissioner Zide feels that the line item for engineering seems high. We will need to put together specifications. We also need to discuss this with Town Administrator Boynton. Commissioner Zide will meet with him and update the other Commissioners. Commissioner Zide will provide an updated slide deck once he has discussed the numbers with Town Administrator Boynton.

Directors Report:

Director D'Amico updated the Commissioners that the 8" water main for Slocumb Place has been pressure tested and chlorinated. The first sample test has been taken. The Choate Park 6" water main tap is done. Staff is now waiting for electrical and then sewer. The Oakland Well pump has been raised and now sits on a 7" pad. We are now waiting on the electrical work. This should be completed sometime next week. The next steps will be chlorination and testing. Lastly Director D'Amico informed the Commissioners that we are currently trending to pump 14 million gallons less than the same time frame last year. These numbers are slightly higher than what was pumped in 2016 but lower than 2017.

Deputy Director Smith informed the Commissioners that AquaHawk is slowing coming along and we hope to roll out the program to our residents shortly. He also discussed that the latest results for iron and manganese are dropping. Director D'Amico feels that the numbers are drought related, they seem to be highest when we are in drought conditions. Deputy Director Smith also informed the Commissioners that Carl Sopper is scheduled to perform leak detection beginning in August. He noted that two more leaks have been located. One is being scheduled for repair, and the other has been repaired. The department also issued a fine to a business owner who failed to repair his RPZ (reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device assembly) in a timely manner.

Amend Water & Sewer Fees

On May 21, 2018 the Commissioners amended the Water & Sewer Fees. The Commissioners would now like to discuss and clarify the Water Entrance Fee- 1" or less / per unit and the Water Entrance Fee- Greater than 1" / per unit. In a multi-unit building, is each unit charged the entrance fee or is each service charged? The Commissioners intent is to charge per unit. Another question was posed: If there is an apartment complex and there is one building with 10

units and a master meter are we charging one entrance fee or ten entrance fees? The Commissioners intent is to charge ten entrance fees but it would be charged at the 1 "or less rate. Commissioner Zide asked what other communities do. Director D'Amico will research this further and draft new language so this can be discussed and potentially amended at the next meeting.

Open Discussion:

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2018 at 5 PM. The Meeting will immediately be followed by a Public Rate Hearing at 6PM. The meetings will be held in the DPS Conference Room, 45B Holliston Street, Door 9, Medway MA.

Commissioner Kenney made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 PM. Commissioner O'Rourke seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi LaPan