

Minutes of Williamsburg Water/Sewer Commission
Wednesday, May 29, 2013

Present: William Turner-Vice-Chair, Ken Taylor-Clerk, Jim Hyslip, Jerry Roberge & Brenda Lessard-Secretary.

Absent: Walter Kellogg

Public Present: Frances & Susan Hogan, Sclaudinia Vargas, & James Locke

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

1. Frances & Susan Hogan of 16 Petticoat Hill Road were in to discuss their current water & sewer bill. They were that their bill was approximately \$1200.00 and they looked for a leak and could not find one. (JR) had gone to the home and did find the water meter was slightly turning with no water running which indicated a leak. Discussed the possibility of it being the furnace leaking. The Hogan's will have a plumber come in to check for leaks. (JR) will go on Friday, May 17, 2013 and change the meter to a new meter and the board will proceed from there. The Hogan's were advised to pay the bill as interest and late fees would accrue.
2. Sclaudinia Vargas from 20 High Street was in regarding her current water & sewer bill. The current bill is \$5139.80. Her home froze up over the winter while she was out of the country. Her home ran out of oil or propane and the heat went off and the pipes froze and burst. The pipes had burst after the meter. (WT) was at the scene with the fire department and saw the water running out the back door of the basement. She was advised that the board could abate the sewer portion of the bill but she would be responsible for the water portion as the water went through her meter. Ms. Vargas was told by her plumber that the meter had been changed. The board will look into the issue. The board told Ms. Vargas they would abate the sewer portion of the bill to the average usage. A motion was made by (KT) to abate \$1917.00 off the sewer portion of the bill. The motion was seconded by (JR) and was so voted. The remaining bill will be \$3222.80. Ms. Vargas was advised to speak to her insurance agent to see if she could get relief of the bill through her homeowners insurance.
3. James Locke was in to speak to the board. He is ready to start the re-roofing of the old pump house. (JR) stated he is available several days a week and would be willing to help Mr. Locke.
4. Motion made to sign and accept the minutes of May 1, 2013 & May 15, 2013 (JR). Motion seconded (KT). Motion so voted.
5. Motion made to sign and accept the water & sewer warrants which include warrant for payment to Davenport Trucking for June 5, 2013 (KT). Motion seconded (JR). Motion so voted.
6. River Road, Northampton-The City of Northampton is looking for \$100000.00 from Williamsburg to pay for a portion of their share of the River Road project. The city's share is \$400000.00 and they are looking for Williamsburg to pay 25%. Williamsburg wrote a letter in support of the project for protection of our sewer line. The board feels this amount is excessive and would like to offer \$25000.00. William Turner will present it to the Board of Selectmen.
7. The board discussed the need for seals for the meters. Further study of the types available is needed.
8. The secretary noted that the DEP enforcement actions are due by June 30, 2013. The board needs to finish updates to manuals to be stored at the pump house, highway garage and in their office.
9. Work on Route 9 with the valves is done.
10. Motion to adjourn meeting (KT). Motion seconded (JR). Motion so voted.

Respectfully submitted:
Brenda Lessard, Secretary

CLERK: _____

