

Newington Sewer Commission 5/18/2022 AMENDED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

Present: R.Stern, T.Hazelton, J.O'Reilly Commissioners. D.Messier, J.Tolman, B.Douglas H2O Innovations.

Motion by J.O'Reilly to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) to discuss personnel issue at 9:00 am. Roll call vote taken: R.Stern yes, T.Hazelton yes, J.O'Reilly yes.

Roll call vote taken at 9:16 to exit non-public session. R.Stern yes, T.Hazelton yes, J.O'Reilly yes.

Motion by J.O'Reilly to seal non-public minutes for 10 years, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor approved.

Minutes: Motion by T.Hazelton to approve the April minutes as amended, seconded by J.O'Reilly. All in favor, approved.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's report: Enterprise Account balance for April was \$1,347,045.88. Operating Fund ending balance for April was \$990,341.14. Discussion on past due accounts, outstanding balances owed have been added to 2022 bills. D.Messier advised a change of staff coming up in Ports Water and will discuss more frequent data with new staff.

Manifest Approval: Discussion on bond payments, 4th payment has been made. There will be 2 purchase orders for each payment, one for the balance to the SRF account and one for the administrative fee.

Motion made to approve the 5/18/2022 manifest by J.O'Reilly in the amount of \$523,970.81. Seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved & signed.

Plant operators report: Flows are up from last year, sludge as billed. Preventative maintenance was performed per manufacturers recommendations and schedules.

Town Audit completed, no feedback from the Town Hall.

Centrifuge yearly inspection complete. A few parts needed replacement; it is running well. Replacement sludge feed pump has been delivered, waiting for a part for the piping system.

Great Bay Unit Owners Association inquiring on landscaping water meter rebate for previous year. Portsmouth can test irrigation meters to see if they are measuring correctly.

New Business: Sewer warrant in the amount of \$992,491.00. Motion by J.O'Reilly to sign the 2022 warrant in the amount of \$992,491.00. Seconded by T.Hazelton, all in favor, signed.

Sewer bill should be completed and sent out by the end of the week.

B.Douglas and J.Tolman discussed the H2O Innovations year 3 contract annual CPI adjustment. This year the CPI was calculated at 6.6%, nationwide it is 8.3%. The contract has a cap of 4%. H2O Innovations is asking for 3.5% adjustment to show that they are willing to work with the Commission despite rising costs. D.Messier advised that polymer costs alone are up 10%. Chemicals and sludge removal have all had additional surcharges. B.Douglas advised that chemical costs have gone up 10-15% and H2O Innovations are continuing to provide raises to their employees.

Motion by Jack to approve the annual CPI adjustment of 3.5% to the annual contract and further to authorize chairman R.Stern to sign the contract on behalf of the Sewer Commission, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved and signed.

Old Business: Sewer Use Ordinance changes made by Wright-Pierce have been sent to NH DES for comments. Pre-sewer use maintenance plan will be completed by Wright-Pierce and will be forwarded to the state as well.

Next meeting will be Wednesday June 15, 2022, at 9 am at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Adjournment: 9:41

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Klanchesser