

**VEAZIE SEWER DISTRICT
RATE CHANGE HEARING MINUTES
February 26, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

Attended by: Chair Rob Tomilson, Treasurer Jim Parker, Trustee Buddy Webb, Nick Henry, Tom Brown, Plant Manager Harvey King and members of the public.

- 1) Call Meeting to Order – Rob called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
- 2) Charter Amendments Hearing – Amendments pass 3-0. See separate Charter Amendments Hearing Minutes for details.
- 3) Rate Change Hearing – Rate changes pass 3-0. See separate Rate Change Hearing Minutes for details.
- 4) Consider January Meeting Minutes – Jim moves to accept, Buddy seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes.
- 5) Review Agenda – Jim requests to add an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Rob requests to remove items 6, 7 and 8 which had been previously covered (see item 2 and 3).
- 6) Public Comment – Comments include (with answers in parenthesis) questioning when new employee(s) will be hired (will be discussion at next meeting to decide number of people to hire and procedure), questioning why the plant was previously upgraded from a Grade II to a Grade III and what benefit there would be (no reason known for District requesting the plant to be upgraded, no known benefit to the community), questioning why testing is being done by an outside lab and how much it costs (employee on light duty, \$75/week), questioning why mistakes made by previous Trustees are being pushed onto the consumer and what kind of accountability there is (accountability is in the ballot box), who did the manpower study (Woodard & Curran).
- 7) Treasurer's Report – District has four savings (reserve) accounts with approximately \$1,800, one checking account with approximately \$65,000, one money market account with approximately \$76,000 for a total cash on hand of approximately \$142,000. We also have approximately \$10,000 in accounts receivable. There is a \$9,700 bond payment in March and \$105,000 bond payment due in October. There is \$40,000 in liabilities. The total payables are approximately \$154,000. Reserve accounts were designated for \$318,000 and currently have \$1,800. We have paid approximately \$15,000 in accrued vacation time.
- 8) Warrants – Approximately \$10,000 in warrants signed by Trustees.
- 9) Operations Report – Harvey states the plant is running well and is in compliance with State permit. One of the baffles has ripped and will need to be replaced at a cost of \$8,000 and a second baffle may also need replacement. New billing software should be installed by next billing period. In-house repairs are being completed by Dana including repairs to pump station communication antenna, air compressor, tractor, and camera.

- 10) Purchasing/Reserve Account Policy – Policy is given for making minor and major purchases and to establish a method for funding and removing money from reserve accounts. Jim asks for time to sit down and review policy and have discussion at next meeting. Discussion of policy will take place at next meeting.
- 11) Crowe Litigation – Jim states that issues have been resolved and that Mr. Crowe has paid his debts in full. Jim moves to ratify resolution, Norman seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes.
- 12) Other Business – Rob would like to invite the Town Council and School Board to the next Sewer District meeting to discuss ways they can work together to save money.
- 13) Adjourn - Rob makes motion to Adjourn. Jim seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes. Meeting is adjourned at 8:11 p.m.