

VEAZIE SEWER DISTRICT
Regular Meeting Minutes
Sept 15, 2014
6:30 P.M.

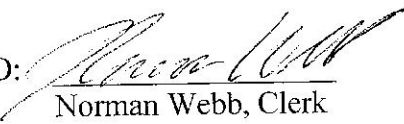
Attended by: Trustee Norman Webb, Treasurer Jim Parker, Chairman Rob Tomilson, Superintendent Dana McLaughlin, Office Manager Becky Chase

- 1) Rob called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- 2) The agenda was reviewed.
- 3) Jim made a motion to accept the July 2014 meeting minutes, Norman 2nd, unanimous.
- 4) There were no public comments.
- 5) D.O Control presentation from Mike Eber. Mike will research placing a temporary and then a possible permanent D.O probe in the middle section of Lagoon 2. Norman motioned to spend \$200.00-\$300.00 for Travis Noyes from CES to look at the blower computations in regards to turning the blowers down or up, Rob 2nd, unanimous. Jim abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.
- 6) The 2013-2014 draft annual audit was reviewed by the board. The board does not feel the need to have Eaton Peabody write a letter to the auditors in regards to any pending litigation against the district. The board would like the auditor, Nick Henry, to construct a letter stating there are no litigations against the district and Jim will sign the letter. The board is very happy with the results of the audit and would like a final draft of the audit for the Oct 2014 board meeting.
- 7) The warrants were circulated and signed by the board members.
- 8) The delinquent account reports were reviewed by the board.
- 9) The Office Manager's Report was reviewed.
- 10) Jim motioned to have Payport set up for the district to give customers the option to pay their sewer bill on-line, by phone, or by credit card in the office, Norman 2nd, unanimous.
- 11) The Veazie Sewer District Charter will be placed on the website.
- 12) The budget was reviewed. Legal expenses should be considerably less this year and labor should be less so the budget should be right in line for the year. Jim will have a better analysis of the income at the next board meeting.

- 13) The board was presented with the different health insurance plans from MMEHT. Becky had contacted Cigna Health insurance but they are not available in Maine and Harvard Pilgrim Insurance has given no response to phone calls. The board would like to know what health insurance plans the town and the water district have.
- 14) The Treasurer's report was in the board packets. Jim motioned to transfer \$28,876.00 from the checking into the Debt Reserve savings account, Norman 2nd, passed unanimously. Jim motioned that a check for \$107,068.31 be taken from the Debt Reserve account and transferred to the checking account for the bond payment, Norman 2nd, passed unanimously.
- 15) The October bond payment will be made with the Accounts Payable checks next week.
- 16) Since the Crowe's have been current on their sewer bills, Jim would like it mentioned to the person who comes in to pay the Crowe sewer bills that the treasurer is prepared to release the escrow funds back to Ms. Crowe if he will get the necessary paperwork from his attorney.
- 17) Dana presented the Operations Report for July and August 2014:
 - The employee activity reports were presented to the board.
 - Evergreen Waste is going up in prices. From \$10.00/mth rental to \$13.00/mth rental, and from \$84.50/ton to \$93.00/ton. The board would like Dana to get prices from Casella and Pine Tree Waste for the next meeting.
 - Property owner at County Rd P.S. requested that the gate be moved further down the access road as he is selling lots there. The board suggested that the owner move the gate.
 - D.O Control was previously discussed.
 - Barney Silva gave a quote to repair the outfall manhole. Jim would like Dana to walk the area with John Cullen from DEP to scope what the district may need for permits to fix the manhole.
 - Dana gave an update on the safety grant. We will find out in October whether we get the grant.
 - Dana gave an update on the SolarBee grant. Jim would like to see what Mike Eber comes up with for the D.O Control before going any further with the SolarBee grant.
 - Dana presented heat pump quotes from Maine Alternative for three units is \$10,000.00 and Dead River for two units is \$5,100.00. The board would like Dana to get quote from Maine Alternative for just the office area for next meeting. Also, get a quote from Adam Hoyt for heat pump.
 - Dana will get quotes for electrical supply from North American and Fairpoint.
 - The Bangor Hydro sewer line easement property is now owned by The River Coalition.
 - Wright-Pierce has re-done the sewer line easement for the old Bangor Hydro sewer line easement. The district will not be responsible for half of the costs to move the manhole as suggested by Wright-Pierce. The board wants to keep ductile pipe for the sewer line.
 - Dana has only had one response to the treatment plan survey that the board requested he get from several wastewater plants. The board requests that Dana call the plants to get the salary and personnel information.
 - Personnel policy looks fine except the sick time buy back policy. This policy has not been valid as of September 2012.

- 18) At 9:03 p.m., Rob motioned that the board go into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(A) for Personnel Matters. Jim 2nd the motion, unanimous. At 9:37 p.m., Jim motioned for the board to come out of Executive Session, Norman 2nd, unanimous.
- 19) Jim motioned to end the meeting at 9:37 p.m., Norman 2nd, unanimous

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M.

APPROVED: 
Norman Webb, Clerk

DATE 11-4-14