

**Town of East Hampton
Water Pollution Control Authority
Tuesday, September 7, 2021 Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Mark Barmasse, , Anthony DeSimone, Dave Terry, John Suprono and Kerry Comisky (6:05)

Not Present: Peter Villa and Mike Filanda

Other Attendee(s) Scott Clayton, Public Utilities Administrator and Ben Gilmore, Superintendent Joint Facilities

1. Call to Order

Chairman Barmasse called the September 7th, 2021 regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021

Mr. Terry made a motion to approve the August 3, 2021 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Suprono. ***Vote 4-0, Motion passed***

2. Public Hearing of June 1, 2021 (Water Rates)

Mr. DeSimone made a motion to approve the June 1, 2021 Pubic Hearing meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Terry. ***Vote 4-0, Motion passed***

3. Public Remarks

A. None

4. Review of Correspondence

A. None

5. Committee Reports

A. Joint Facilities

The Plant handled large volumes of rain during recent storms with no issues.

B. Operations, Management & Budget Committee

1. Budget Status FY 2020/21

Mr. Clayton reported on the 20/21 budget and noted that the fiscal year budget has still not officially been closed out. Revenue for WPCA is reporting at 103.7% and Operations is reporting at 145.4%. Revenue from water customers for Village Center is reporting at 80.6 % collected and Royal Oaks is reporting at 100.1.% collected. Operations is reporting at 54.6% spent for Village Center and 59.4% spent at Royal Oaks. Mr. DeSimone suggested allocating funds upfront for upcoming projects. *Copies distributed and made part of these minute.*

2. Budget Status FY 2021/22

2021/22 Revenue and Expenses for all accounts show minimal changes this early in the fiscal year. Two exceptions were the expenses for the Laurel Ridge pump station upgrades and emergency pumping (16hrs) due to high flow during storms. Mr. Barmasse suggested looking into a flood prevention emergency plan for the most at-risk pump stations. *Copies distributed and made part of these minute.*

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Mrs. Comisky made a motion to recess at 6:31pm in order to conduct the Public Hearing, second by Mr. Suprono. **Vote: 5-0. Motion passed**

The meeting resumed pending public remarks. *One public comment. See September 7, 2021 public hearing minutes.*

Mr. Terry made a motion to close Public Hearing on the Sewer Rates at 6:45pm, seconded by Mr. DeSimone and approved. **Vote: 5-0; Motion passed**

C. Public Water Systems

1) Village Center Water System Operations

Mr. Gilmore reported on purchasing an analyzer for the pre-chlorination, after greensand before activated carbon to reduce sediment and iron.

2) Royal Oaks Water System Operations

The greensand filter was done "center filter #1" in addition to a valve and transformer being replaced.

Mr. Terry asked about current PFAS testing. Mr. Clayton stated that during the "quarterly" sampling there has been no detection of PFAS.

3) Hampton Woods Water System

Nothing to report

4) Municipal Water System Update

Mr. Clayton reported that the Sub Committee has chosen Environmental Partners for the water study.

D. Sewer Development

1) None

6. Old Business, Discussion/Action

A. Connection Charge discussion

Tabled until October 5th meeting. Administration to provide connection charge rates from surrounding towns.

B. Grinder Pump discussion

Tabled until October 5th meeting.

7. Capital Planning

A. Pine Trail and North Maple Force Main

The force main replacements will not be completed this fall. The engineering company is now looking at possibly lining the 4" pipe for Pine Trail because of the close proximity to the lake. They're also receiving push back from property owners regarding the existing sewer easements. North Maple IWWA application is still pending.

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8. New Business, Discussion/Action

A. 21/22 Sewer Rate Discussion and Approval

RESOLVED: The annual sewer user fee for gravity connections to be raised to \$520.00/EDU and for those properties served by grinder pumps maintained by the WPCA the fee will be raised to \$200.00/EDU totaling \$720.00.

The sewer connection fee remains the same for a residential single-family home at \$2,500.00 “unless otherwise established” that are connecting to the existing wastewater system. Furthermore, all other connectors will pay a multiple of the residential connection fee equivalent to their assessed Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) at the time of connection. All rates are to be effective October 1, 2021.

Ms. DeSimone made a motion to adopt Sewer Rates for FY 21/22 (see resolution above). The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry. **Vote: 5-0. Motion Passed.**

B. 13 Summit Street

The owner of 13 Summit St has voiced (to the Tax Collector) his concerns regarding his outstanding sewer use charges stating the property is unoccupied. The outstanding bills run from 2012 to 2019 at approx. \$60,461.00. An internal request is being presented to the Board to see there would be an interest in waiving the outstanding sewer use fees to put the property in a better position for resale.

Mrs. Comisky made a motion to deny the request to waive the outstanding sewer use fee from 2012-2019 on 13 Summit St. Per C.G.S.S. 12-173,12-174 and 12-175 sewer use accounts with a balance, including interest and any other fees will be lien and the Board will not set precedence to this policy seconded by Mr. Suprono. **Vote: 5-0, Motion Passed**

Mr. Clayton will follow up with a letter to the property owner to reiterate that any and all futures sewer use fees will continue until the sewer connection is capped. Sewer capping must be done to WPCA inspection requirements and specifications.

9. Executive Session

A. None

10. Adjournment

Mr. DeSimone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Suprono. **Vote: 5-0, Motion Passed**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda B. Connors
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by a Vote: 4-0, 1 abstained, by the East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority on October 5 , 2021.