

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING – Dec 02, 2014

Members Present: Robert Bartini-Chairman, David Forrest, Monica Ryan, and Roger Schuerer.
Others Present: Bob Nason, and Chris Pompei.

Chairman Bartini called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.

Commitments

The Board signed a commitment for closing reads that occurred in October and a commitment for water shut offs in November.

Abatements

BPW further discussed the Susan Cinella abatement request. After a brief discussion Member Scheurer made a motion to approve the previous adjustments made on this account. Member Forrest seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Second was a small abatement for Aritoli. There was an error in the billing software which miscalculated the secondary meter. Member Forrest made a motion to approve the abatement. Member Scheurer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

The third abatement submitted was for Buffoni. The last bill they received had a higher usage and they were requesting a new meter. Personnel from the Water Dept had performed a manual read to test the meter and found indication it was reading properly. The Board didn't feel they had enough information at this time to warrant a new meter. Member Scheurer made a motion to deny the application. Member Forrest seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to deny. The Board wanted a letter sent to the Buffoni's letting them know it was denied but to follow up with us in January if the usage is high again.

The last abatement was for the Rodeway Inn. The Board had agreed previously to look at their October usage and compare it to last year's. There was an incident with dirty water and linens being ruined. Member Scheurer made a motion to abate the difference in usage from this quarter compared to last year's Oct quarter. Member Forrest seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Water Dept

Columbia Street- The Board asked Chris for an update on the shut-off for the mill on Columbia St. The Water Dept had attempted to close off the 8" line and it resulted in a broken valve. It is unclear which houses, if any, are serviced by the main line. They will attempt to shut-off at the 6" branch feeding to the mill instead.

Meters and Readers – The Board briefly discussed the ongoing issue of changing out failing meters. Chris is still waiting for the packet and numbers from EJP. He will present the Board with three comparisons at the next meeting. The Board can then look at the different options and decide what specs, time frame, etc... to base the bid on.

Sewer Dept –

None

Highway/Cemetery Dept

Seasonal Help- The winter driver for the Highway Dept started on Monday.

Equipment- The sidewalk machine had been returned to us after being repaired. During the last storm it blew a hydraulic line and is currently being repaired again.

Other

None

Executive Session

None

Minutes

Member Forrest made a motion to approve the minutes from 11/12/14 as written. Member Ryan seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday December 16, 2014 @ 3:30pm at the Airoidi Building.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Brandi Page

cc: Selectman, Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer, Planning/Zoning Board, Building Inspector, Collector, and Town Administrator, Highway Dept, Sewer Plant, and Water Plant