



TOWN OF PAXTON Water Commissioners Minutes of Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018

Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Place: John Bauer Senior Center, 17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

Attendees: Jack Malone, Commissioner; David Trulson, Commissioner; Travis Thibault, Water Superintendent; Carol Riches, Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

Minutes

- Motion (DT) seconded (JM) to accept the meeting minutes of December 6, 2017. Unanimous all in favor.

Water Meter Replacement Program/Billing System Updates

- PEL has informed (TT) that they have successfully updated the new billing software into Power Manager as of 1/15/18. (TT) notified Stiles Company that they can begin to work on setting up their billing software with the Light Dept. Stiles expects to have the software up and running in the next couple of weeks.
- TT noted that Anna Maria has two failing meters that need to be replaced. They are large, 2" meters and it is written in our rules & regulations that the property owner is responsible for the cost of replacement. The board agrees to bill Anna Maria for the new meters.

MIA Grant

- TT states that we have been awarded \$5,000 of the \$10,000 that we requested. The grant is for the installation of a ladder assist on the Maple St. tank. The total cost of the project is \$11,275.

Water Operator/Technician

- David Tardie, Water Operator/Technician already passed his D1 exam in November and has now passed his D2 exam in January. (TT) would like to give him a raise, remove him from 6 month probation, and put him on call every other weekend. (TT) is pleased with his performance and believes he is an asset to the department.
- Motion (JM) seconded (DT) to remove David Tardie from probation and allow Travis Thibault to increase his hourly salary to the \$20/hr. range.
- Motion (DT) seconded (JM) to place David Tardie on call every other weekend with a stipend of \$200 per pay period.

Travis Thibault, Water Superintendent

- (TT) notes that he responded to a service break on Old Lantern Circle on Dec. 19th and (3) freeze ups (Senior Center 17 West St, 13 Holbrook Lane, and 20 South St)
- (TT) states that we noticed a discrepancy on the electric bills for the pump station and we are working with the Light Dept. to resolve the problem.

- (TT) states that he has had some mechanical issues with the Water van and recently replaced the alternator along with some belts and pulleys. He also had to replace the heating coil on the generator at the pump station.
- (TT) noted that in FY17, the water dept. paid \$39,480.06 to the highway dept. for their labor versus an FY18 amount of \$3,165.08.
- (TT) went over FY18 revenues vs. expenditures and we are up by \$54K

FY18 Budget

- No issues to report.

FY19 Preliminary Budget

(TT) discussed the possibility of purchasing of a new utility style pickup truck. He has received quotes from MHQ (Ford) and Liberty Chevrolet.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Motion (JM) seconded (DT) to adjourn meeting at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Peloquin, DPW Administrative Assistant

Accepted:


John Malone, Chair