

Minutes of Williamsburg Water/Sewer Commission
July 14, 2010

Members of the Water/Sewer Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M. The Chairman called the meeting to order and upon roll call the following were present: Walter Kellogg-Chairman, James Hyslip, Howard Sanderson, & Brenda Lessard, Secretary.

Public Present: Anne LaFontaine

1. Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk swore in the newly elected members of the committee, Walter Kellogg and James Hyslip.
2. Anne LaFontaine was in from 6 South Street. She had an issue with her water and sewer bill that had been estimated the last two billing cycles. The reason it had been estimated was an inability of the water department to get a reading due to debris, trash and wood being piled in the path of the meter. A letter was sent on June 24, 2010 to the LaFontaine's to make a clear path to the meter. A reply was sent back to the water department on June 28, 2010 stating that there was now a three foot wide access to the meter. Walter Kellogg went to the residence and was able to get a meter reading. Mrs. LaFontaine wanted to know if the bill could be adjusted. The Board discussed with her the need to keep that access clear and that if it was blocked in the future, the bill would be estimated again, with no chance for recourse. Motion was made by Jim Hyslip to use the monies already paid forward on the bill to be applied toward the next billings which will have an actual reading of the meter. Motion seconded by Howard Sanderson. So voted.
3. Motion made by Howard Sanderson to accept the minutes of 6/16/10. Motion seconded by Jim Hyslip. So voted.
4. Motion made by Jim Hyslip to accept the water and sewer warrants from 7/7/10 and 7/21/10. Motion seconded by Howard Sanderson. So voted. Warrants were signed.
5. Water abatements and sewer abatements for Eric Cerreta of 157 Main Street and Gary & Dee Dee Niswonger of 8 North Street that were voted on at the last two meetings were signed by the board.
6. Walter Kellogg reported that he had gone to 2 Solar Circle at the request of the owner to check the meter. He reported that the meter was working properly and the reading was consistent with "average usage" of the property. The last water reading was high.
7. The board signed the papers for the town accountant to encumber the money left in the sewer expense account to put toward the bill for FY10 from the City of Northampton for the waste water bill. Brenda will get the actual number from the Town Accountant in the morning.
8. Walter Kellogg reported on the update with Overlook @ Northampton. A letter was received from DEP granting an extension of time to Overlook until August 31st. A letter was sent on the board's behalf from Tighe & Bond asking for the

extension. Tighe & Bond sent the Board a draft of the proposal for Overlook for the work that needs to be done. Mr. Kellogg also told the board that Overlook needs to put in a 6" meter which will cost approximately \$7000.00. He told Overlook that they would be billed \$350.00 for each billing for 20 years. Overlook was talking to the Board of Directors and they may purchase their own meter. There will also be a need to put in a 6" backflow preventor at the town line. Overlook is also talking to a contractor about a tank for fire protection.

9. Walter Kellogg discussed with the Board that he had looked at the old minutes from the meeting with the Petticoat Hill Road residents from three years ago. It stated in those minutes that the residents would hire their own engineer. The board briefly discussed that the sewer hook ups for Petticoat Hill Road would not be feasible at this time.
10. Jim Hyslip reported that he had recently been to the reservoir on Unquomunk Road and that the reservoir was dry. The gates were left open slightly as the casing is bent. He will straighten the casing and get the gates closed tight to try and get the reservoir to fill again.
11. Motion made by Jim Hyslip to adjourn the meeting @ 7:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Howard Sanderson. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:
Brenda Lessard, Secretary

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