

WATER-SEWER COMMISSION MEETING

April 12, 2016

Present: Leo Collette, Val Daigle, George Cornwall, Charlie Packard, Dave Berger, Mary Calandrella, Steve Nims and Doug Briggs

CALL TO ORDER

6:00pm

Motion by Leo Collette, 2nd by George Cornwall to approve the April 12, 2016 Agenda, vote was unanimous. Motion by George Cornwall, 2nd by Charlie Packard, to approve the March 29, 2016 minutes, vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug reviewed again the FY17 budget and his proposed increases that will be needed in the future. He supplied a complete history and breakdown on the water and sewer budgets. He explained that he is suggesting water and sewer rate increases to sustain the water and sewer budget.

Motion by Dave Berger, 2nd by George Cornwall, to increase the sewer rate to \$ 14.75 effective May 2016 quarter billing, vote was 4 yays and 1 abstained, vote did pass.

Doug also recommends that the commissioners form groups to work on the Gardner IMA on the sewer and for the potential USDA funded water line replacement on Sherbert Rd.

Val suggests increasing the sewer connection fee. She recommended it be raised to \$ 7,500.00 from the current \$ 5,000.00 fee. She stated that it was originally \$ 7,500.00

Motion by Dave Berger, 2nd by Leo Collette, to raise the sewer connection fee to \$ 7,500.00 effective immediately, vote was unanimous.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Leo went over the flow stats with the commission.

Charlie wants the commission to look into other viable options to a sewer treatment plant.

Motion by George Cornwall, 2nd by Charlie Packard, to have the Chairwoman investigate other options for waste water discharge, vote was unanimous.

Charlie asked again on the number of home that can still connected to sewer and have not. There are approximately 100+ homes / vacant lots that have sewer stubs.

Steve gave a breakdown on the DPW new site and how it would affect w/s customers. There will no need of a w/s rate increase but all towns' people would see a tax increase to pay for the project. Possible USDA funding/grants can only be used for the water/sewer part of the building.

NEXT MEETING

May 10, 2016 6pm

ADJOURN

Motion by: George Cornwall, 2nd by Dave Berger, vote was unanimous. 7:10pm

Respectfully Submitted by: *Mary Calandrella*