

TEMPLETON SEWER DEPARTMENT  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 2013

APPROVED BY:

\_On File at the Sewer Business Office\_\_\_\_\_

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MARK MOSCHETTI-CHAIR

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THOMAS JELENIEWSKI-MEMBER

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ROBERT DENNIS-MEMBER

Meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm

Present: Mark Moschetti, Thomas Jeleniewski, Kent Songer, Charles Perkins, Will Spring, Bill Matuszewicz

Pledge

Review, approve and sign meeting minutes

Review, approve and sign vendor warrant

Mark asked about the bill for training hours for John, Kent explained about contact training hours. Mark would also like to try and find a way to lower our stations phone bills. Kent said he would get together with him and go over them.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Lagoon closing—Kent informed the commission that there is an amendment to the original contract for the extra testing that needs to be done. Ron StMichael from SEA said that it would be signed and set over for the town's approval within the next 2 weeks. There is no rush on this as we have to rescind the vote and put it back on the annual warrant.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Postage metering stamp—we will save money NOT using this stamp. With the cost of the annual fee and the remails because the post office does not forward, it is cheaper to use regular stamps. Mark Moschetti motioned to approve this change, with a second from Thomas Jeleniewski. Unanimous. The change will take affect for the June billing

Thomas Jeleniewski inquired about if block grant money was available to us. Kent explained That this has been brought up in prior years and it is not available for us.

A sewer user had written to the commissioners about granting abatement on her bill due to the fact that she had watered a garden and it had greatly increased her sewer bill because we bill from gallons used. She also explained that her husband has been out of work making this a hardship for them. Mark suggested that Linda return a letter to her explaining that the water department offers a special meter for that purpose. We have no way of knowing how much of the water she used did or did not go into the sewer.

**BOND PAYMENT:**

The \$35,000.00 that was paid by the USDA account is depleted now and the sewer department is responsible for that now. With interest the treasurer is looking for \$47,598 to pay this payment now. The sewer enterprise free cash has not been certified yet.

Will Spring (advisory board) inquired about how long this bond is for. Kent explained that the bond was for 20 years with 10 remaining.

Our article for Special Town Meeting is on hold for the moment and Mr. Ritter will inform Mark and Kent as to what needs to go on with this.

Will Spring let us know that Pre-town meeting is 2/27/2013

The legal ad has been placed in the paper and posted on town web site for bid on the bar screen.

There have been a few elderly users that have asked about a reduced minimum sewer charge. The commissioners stated that we will stand by the rate schedule.

Bill Matuszewicz came before the commissioners inquiring about what he would have to plan on if there was to be house lots involved on his property by the golf course. He is just here to ask general questions at this point. There was discussion about gravity flow sewer and low pressure sewer systems, also discussion about what the town would require. Mr. Matuszewicz was inquiring if down the road a new set of commissioners could change the sewer requirements. Kent thinks that careful thought be put into this.

Robert Dennis arrived 5:30 pm.

Kent and the commissioners will table this discussion until next meeting.

Thomas Jeleniewski questioning if we should include a stipulation on sewer connections that they include a shut off. The commissioners will address this again about setting a new policy for the future.

Will Spring asked Kent when he will have the department budget. Kent told Will that he had talked to Mr. Ritter about this. Kent wanted the commissioners to approve of the budget before it was sent. Mr. Spring is also stated that he had requested information about how much time other department (treasurer, accountant ect) spent on sewer business. Kent told Mr. Spring that this had been looked into before and the response then was about 2 hours a month, that they did not spend enough time on it to be a problem. Discussion ensued.

Kent passed out the 2014 budget for the commissioners to review. Mark suggested tabling the discussion on any payroll increase and would like to know the process is.

Mark asked Kent if there was any information on the law suit. Kent said that he has been e-mailing with Mr. Ritter about this matter. Kent said that at 3:00 pm Mr. Ruppucci came to the plant asking questions about the rate study. Mr. Ruppucci informed Kent that he is putting in a Public Information Act Letter.

Kent informed the commissioners that Cook Pond Estates only has 2 lots left, so they will be finishing up on Victoria Lane. The homeowner's association agreement states that they will own the pump station there. It is written right in their deeds.

March 4, 2013 at 4:30 P.M. for the next meeting

Motion to adjourn made by Robert Dennis, with a second by Thomas Jeleniewski. Unanimous.