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Minutes
March 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm meeting. Commissioners Elaine Fiore, Peter Cobb and Thomas Taylor and Supt. Vandal were present.

Bill schedules for \$14,340.00, \$2988.05, and \$6,041.76 were signed.

The Board reviewed the draft of the revised Rules and Regulations. Discussion followed regarding wording considering providing sewer to properties outside of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 areas. Considerations for proposed connections would have to be based on sewer availability, costs and variables such as pump stations. Mr. Cobb said the language may provide legal loopholes. Ms. Fiore said that the article was to provide flexibility for the future. Supt. Vandal suggested that the wording include a clause that with DEP approval environmentally sensitive areas take precedence for connection. The Board agreed to amended language. Supt. Vandal noted that the violations section calling for fines will need Town Meeting approval. The Board may seek an Article at next year's Town Meeting. The revised Rules and Regulations are to be fully edited and distributed by email this week. The Board will vote on acceptance at March 22, 2011 Meeting.

Also on topic for the March 22 Public Hearing is the rate reduction. Ms. Fiore reviewed that the service rate is going from \$25.00 per quarter to \$15.00 per quarter for a saving of \$40.00 per year per household.

Supt. Vandal provided updates on the installation of the new aeration system at the WWTF. The tank is drained and the system is being delivered Wed. March 9. The Highway Department is providing a fork lift. A vactor truck will be needed and a fire hose used for cleaning. The tank must be dry in order to set the anchor bolts. Getting the anchors secure is the main thing and we are hoping for dry weather. The new system employs two rods with a better clamp design. The hatches for the effluent are being done at this time also. Waterline will be on site Thursday and Friday. CDM will be on site for the testing. It took two weeks to take down the tank and it will take a few weeks to bring the tank back on line. The second SBR will have to have that aeration system replaced next.

Supt. Vandal reported on the repair of the communications system between the Plant and Rocky Nook pump station. Verizon found two problems with their lines and Erikson had a problem with their modem. After two weeks of work the



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communication problem has been resolved. Today the computer with the alarm system crashed. A new digital hard drive has been ordered. Also on order is a gas meter to replace a broken one and an entire pump has to be replaced because a replacement part for the broken impeller is not available. Ms. Fiore asked about the status of the Hilltop generator. Supt. Vandal said that three prices will have to be obtained.

Mr. Taylor moved to accept the Minutes of February 22, 2011. Mr. Cobb seconded. All VOTED in favor. Ms. Fiore moved to accept the Executive session minutes of March 1, 2011. Mr. Cobb seconded. All VOTED in favor.

The Board reviewed the Wastewater Department Town Meeting Articles. Article 9 is the budget article and 10 and 11 are for appropriations.

Mr. Cobb moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Taylor seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane M. Poirier