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Town of Carver

North Carver Water District Commission

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Meeting minutes for April 11, 2022, The North Carver Water District Commissioners met, today, at the Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room # 3, 108 Main Street, Carver, Massachusetts.

Attendees: Kevin Tracey, Chairman; Stephen P. Romano, Commissioner.

Absent: William Sinclair, Commissioner

Also present: Mike Palimeri ; Stephen Bachand, SWSS; Kim Packard, SWSS

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM, by Mr. Tracey

Discussion: Indian Head bulk water rate:

Mr. Tracey – Roland, from Indian Head, is here to discuss bulk rate. How much will you need on a daily basis? Roland – I don't know; every year is different. Mr. Tracey – I believe we did 70% of rate, last time. We are currently at \$10.40 per thousand gallons; 70% of that would be \$7.28 per thousand. We are planning a 2.5% increase across the board, beginning July 1. You will need to keep your logbook like before. Mr. Romano – I was angry with you; you need to remember that we are not a bank. If we are going to do this, we can't fight for money again. Roland – I did take care of my debt. Mr. Romano – That took a year. Roland – We have procedures in place that leave us in a different situation than before. Mr. Romano – I want to have to two locks. If you don't pay your bill in 30 days, you will be locked out. We will switch the lock. Roland – I went with a keyless entry system at my business; I will donate one to the Town. If I don't pay, you can change the code whenever you want. Mr. Bachand – Why don't I just do a lockbox with a code. That code can be changed whenever needed, as well. This will eliminate all of the electronics. Mr. Tracey – Let's do that.

Motion to approve the rate for Indian Head of \$7.28 per thousand through 6/30/22. Beginning 7/1/22, that rate will increase to \$7.47 per thousand: Mr. Romano

Second: Mr. Tracey

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

Mr. Bachand – When would you like me to open that? Mr. Tracey – Within the next week or so. Be careful to not open full throttle or we will have pressure issues. Mr. Palimeri – What size is the gate there? Mr. Bachand – I believe it's 2". Roland – I will arrange for a couple of my guys to come down for you to show them. Will you bill weekly? Mr. Tracey – No, we will do it monthly.

Rte. 44 Development, Urban Renewal Plan:

Mr. Bachand – On the last call when I did that test, At the show, I spoke to the original builder and suggested new membranes. With the addition of this developer, they will be needed sooner. Roughly \$200K. Mr. Tracey – They are probably 3 years out and it's too close to Town Meeting to try and get funds for that. The plant ran 72K, 92K, and 88K for the three days of testing and ran flawless. Mr. Palimeri – The membranes is the type of thing that I was speaking to re: Hillwood. I would like to suggest we put that on the table right away. If we do a buildout, it will be necessary. Mr. Romano – To the NCWD, the tower is worth 2.5 Mill; I am happy with that. Mr. Palimeri – It doesn't hurt to ask. Mr. Bachand – I will send you over what I have.

Mr. Tracey - The agreement is all signed and executed.

Service Connections on Santana Way:

Mr. Romano – Is there a main reader out on Plymouth Street? Mr. Tracey – I don't believe so. Mr. Romano – If there was a leak, etc., there is no way to know. Mr. Tracey – The meter reads wouldn't match up to plant production. Mr. Bachand – They should be pretty close. Mr. Romano – Can we put a meter on the main? Mr. Bachand – That would run about \$12K. 8" meter is about \$5K. Mr. Romano – When he is done, where do the invoices go? Mr. Tracey – To the individual. Mr. Romano – If he did a commercial well and used the main to get to those units? Mr. Bachand – He would've needed a PWS (Public Water System). Mr. Tracey – He can't connect to our main. Mr. Palimeri – Can the Plumbing inspector check it? We could ask them to check when they go out. Mr. Bachand – He can question where the water is coming from. Mr. Tracey – I can check with Jill to see if the inspector is doing inspections out there. Mr. Romano – The DEP asked them not to put in private wells.

Discussion:

- Montello Street - Mr. Tracey – They are waiting for material right now. We did switch out some materials at the last meeting. Mr. Romano – I went down there recently. Is the Town running pipe all the way to the driveway? Or are they going ½ way and down to the left? Mr. Tracey – Yes, ½ way and down, to the edge of the property line.
- Water Rate Increase - Mr. Tracey – I have not posted the hearing yet. I have the documents that I need. We need to publish two weeks in a row. I will have it done by the end of week. We are doing 2 ½ % increase. Mr. Palimeri – With the current chart, does that minimum charge include an amount of water? Mr. Tracey – 1,000 gals per quarter. I will add some language to our chart.

Water Operator Report:

Mr. Bachand

- Read meters last week
- Shut off notices were done last week
- Plant is running well. The three-day test went well.

Bills Payable:

*Motion to pay the bills in Batch #1, in the amount of \$ 719.00: Mr. Romano
Second: Mr. Tracey*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

*Motion to pay the bills in Batch #2, in the amount of \$6,000.00: Mr. Romano
Second: Mr. Tracey*

Discussion

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

Minutes: March 21 and March 28, 2022:

*Motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2022, as written: Mr. Romano
Second: Mr. Tracey*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

*Motion to approve the minutes of March 28, 2022, as written: Mr. Romano
Second: Mr. Tracey*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

Correspondence:

- Mr. Tracey – There is a lot of misinterpretation of the Districts revenue stream. Mr. Tracey distributed the 2014 Financial Analysis from the DOR. The Town is assuming that DIF Revenue is a subsidy, it is not. 40Q was adopted in 2010. I would like to have the DOR, Local Services Division, do this analysis again. If the Town denies us the DIF Revenue, the district will be on subsidy forever. We may need to seek counsel. Mr. Palimeri – What was the inception date of the NCWD? Mr. Tracey – In 2007, it was established at the Town Meeting. We were incorporated in 2008.
- Mr. Tracey – The solar credits are still not being put into the account. The DOR is now advising that deposits go into the general fund and then transfer them to where they are supposed to go, at the end of the year. This could potentially cause an issue with the budget.

Next Meeting:

*Motion to hold our next meeting on May 9, 2022 at 5:30 PM: Mr. Romano
Second: Mr. Tracey
Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*

Meeting adjourned:

*Motion to adjourn was made at 7:07 PM: Mr. Romano
Second: Mr. Tracey
Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*