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MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Grande, Sr., Chairman
Michael Richetelli
Michael Visnic
Nick Mastrangelo

ALSO PRESENT: R. Scott Allen, Administrator
Art Williams, Treasurer
Vin Marino, Attorney

Chairman Grande called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

Approve Minutes of January 25, 2018 Meeting: Treasurer Art Williams noted a correction to be made in the Minutes. In the Treasurer's Report paragraph, Mr. Williams noted that the sewer fee paid by the new hotel on Marsh Hill Road should be corrected to read **\$76,200**. With no discussion needed, a motion to approve the Minutes, as amended, was made by Commissioner Richetelli, seconded by Commissioner Visnic and unanimously approved.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Scott Allen noted that the former Staples building will become an Indian market and that a grease trap will be needed. He went on to note that an application has been received from the new people together with the permit fee and "as built fee". Mr. Allen reported that T.M. Wright will do the drain layer work. A short discussion ensued after which Chairman Grande signed off on the paper work.

Mr. Allen continued by reporting there was another blockage issue at the Carlson Road private sewer line. He noted there are eight (8) users on this line, including Lowe's Plaza, Guitar Center, Fitness Edge, Shop Rite, Kohl's and trucking companies. He noted that the blockage backed up inside the building and the Town had to abate it, as it has done in the past. Bills were sent out to the businesses on the line for the work done; however, only one has been paid. Mr. Allen noted he reached out to the State for clarification on whose sewer line this really is and does the Town have to abate the issues. The State responded that the Town is required to clean up the back-ups. Discussion ensued. Attorney Marino will look into this situation and see what can be done.

Mr. Allen then went on to report an issue during the recent heavy rains at F&W Equipment where its open wash rack completely flooded us out and all equipment was destroyed. We had 16 ft of water in the wet well where there is usually 4 ft. Mr. Allen has contacted the State since they approved the wash rack and, in his opinion, it was improperly designed from the beginning. The State agrees and we are waiting to see what they're going to do to correct the situation. Discussion ensued wherein Mr. Allen noted that this was the 4th time our pumps were overwhelmed because of water from F&W.

Mr. Allen also reported that across from the Christmas Tree Shop Sunrise Assisted Living Facility, a 100 bed facility, is interested in tying into the sewer line. Mr. Allen noted he met with the Director of Operations and the facility will commission a study to find out if the pump station and trunk line can handle the addition of 9,000 gallons/day. Scott Allen noted that presently the pump station handles 33-35,000 gallons/day. The facility confirmed that, depending upon what it takes, the facility is willing to make the upgrades and pick up the cost of same.


At this point, with the upcoming possible retirement of Scott Allen, Chairman Grande reported that Mr. Allen has given him a list of his daily duties/responsibilities. A short discussion ensued.

Chairman Grande also reported that he will meet with the new Town Engineer, Robert Brinton, Jr., PE, to discuss some of Scott Allen's responsibilities that his new position encompasses.

Treasurer's Report: Art Williams distributed copies of the current budget for 2017-2018 and noted the WPCA should be staying within the budget. He also distributed a history of the last seven (7) years reflecting total revenue/expenses, as well as a draft budget for 2018-2019 for review and comment. Further, Mr. Williams noted he has not received the total flow numbers or rates from West Haven. Discussion ensued. Art Williams noted the sewer rate for this year is \$6.20 per 1000 gallons and that a possible increase in the rate for next year can be discussed once the numbers are received from West Haven.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made and the meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Howard
Recording Secretary

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cc: WPCA Members, Administrator, Town Treasurer, Town Engineer,
Sylvie Napoli