

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2019
7:30 PM -TOWN HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman, James Botellio. Other members present were: Charles Colby, Daniel Fraro, Mark Folsom and Stephen Getman. Also present was Steven Jacobs, Town Sanitarian.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of February 5, 2019 were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Getman to approve the minutes as written. 2nd by Mr. Folsom, all in favor, motion passed.

III. SOMERSVILLE WPCF – Pilot Project

Mr. Jacobs reported that he did receive a written response from DEEP explaining the requirements and redundancies needed for chlorine disinfection. We also received notice from the State that they are revising the Water Quality Standards, which we will also have to comply with. Preliminary calculations appear to show we can still meet the new standards without de-chlorination, however DEEP will not commit to that. Mr. Jacobs will continue with AMCO to spec out the necessary equipment and send a revise proposal to DEEP for review. We will have to continue with our UV disinfection until their approval of the pilot project.

IV. 2019-20 SOMERSVILLE WPCF O&M BUDGET

Mr. Jacobs presented a draft budget of \$92200.00, with a 2% increase in user fees. Since the fees have not increased for 6 years and the cost of converting back to chlorine disinfection looming, the Authority felt a larger increase is justified.

A motion was made by Mr. Colby to approve the proposed budget of \$92200.00 and set a new user charge of \$265.00/EDU, (4% increase), 2nd by Mr. Folsom, Mr. Colby, Folsom and Fraro voted in favor, Mr. Getman and Botellio abstained, motion passed.

V. 2019-20 MAPLE RIDGE COMMUNITY SYSTEM O&M BUDGET

Mr. Jacobs presented a draft budget of \$8425.00, a 0% increase.

A motion was made by Mr. Folsom to approve the proposed budget of \$8425.00 and keep the user charge at \$150.00/EDU, 2nd by Mr. Getman, all in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made to set the public hearing for the 2019-20 Sewer O&M Budgets for April 9, 2019 at 7:15 pm, 2nd by Mr. Colby, all in favor, motion passed.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Jacobs reported that Lisa Madden has been hired as the new Collector of Revenue.
- Mr. Jacobs presented a list of all delinquent sewer bills and recommended that all properties that were over 2yrs. or over \$1000.00 due be turned over to Atty. Adam Cohen for collection.

A motion was made by Mr. Getman to turn over all delinquent properties which exceed 2 years or \$1000.00 to the Tax Attorney for collection, 2nd by Mr. Colby, all in favor, motion passed.

- Mr. Jacobs informed the Authority that CWC will be installing a pump station and extending a new water main from the center of town, east into Stafford Springs.

VII. BILLS/TRANSFERS

Phoenix Labs	\$128.00
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Star Hardware	\$14.39
Birkenshaw Elec.	<u>\$324.67</u>
	\$587.06

A motion was made by Mr. Getman to approve the bills as submitted, 2nd by Mr. Colby, all in favor, motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Colby at 7:49 pm, 2nd by Mr. Folsom, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro
Recording Secretary