

Plainfield Water/WasteWater Commission

Meeting Minutes for August 28, 2018

Present: Tim Phillips, Carol Smith, Tristan MacGregor-Stewart, Mary Lane, Josh Pitts, Todd Berte

5:15 PM - Meeting called to order.

Agenda

- Added discussion of laws around how the town tax collector collects water/waste water overdue bills.
- Added Green Lantern Solar Power update

Review/Adopt Minutes

Minutes for 2018-07-16 were approved as written

Berte meter reading

Todd Berte's water meter at his Lucky Day business location is not being read in a timely manner. This has lead to Todd being charged overages that are actually part of the following billing cycle. Todd would like the meter read on-time in the future and his current overage to be proportionally forgiven. The Commission agreed that the meter should be read on-time. Tristan and Carol believe this is the only water meter in town where we will have a problem if the meter is read late. Greg had collected fifteen days of readings after Todd's meter was read this last time. The readings show a very consistent usage of approximate 5000 gallons per day. Based upon that information, the Commission removed 87,000 gallons from the overages on Todd's bill and credited him \$217.50

Clerk's Financial Report

- The budget is tight. Non-payments continue to be an issue
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Chief Facility Operator's Report

- The operators have been busy with fixing manholes, water valves and leaks
- The materials to replace the roof on the springbox are in hand

Sign And Approve Warrants

Approved Payroll and Payable Warrants from the following dates: 7/20 7/27 7/30 8/3 8/8 8/10 8/17 8/18 8/21 8/28 8/31 in 2018.

Other Business

Green Lantern Solar sent the Commission members their proposal. Mary has forwarded it to the town's attorney (Jim Jamelee) for review.

Josh has been investigating the state laws around how the town tax collector's job is done.

Tristan has been reviewing the Water ordinance and has made good headway on revising them.

Mary suggested we think about hiring a summer employee to read meters as the summers are a busy time for the operators. Tristan pointed out a possible problem with legal access to properties. The ordinances grant the operators and Commissions authority to access properties to perform system specific duties....a non-operator summer hire would not be covered by that authority.

The date of the next monthly meeting is September 27th, 2018 at 5:15PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips