

## **Plainfield Water/WasteWater Commission Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2022**

Present In Zoom Session: Tim Phillips, Carol Smith, Greg Chamberlin, Josh Pitts, Mary Lane, Tristan Macgregor-Stewart, Arion Thiboumery

5:15 Meeting called to order

### **Review/approve agenda**

Agenda approved with modification that the connection for 345 Main Street is for waste water instead of water.

### **Review/adopt minutes**

Approved minutes for December 21st and December 29th as written.

### **Reviewing Billing Methods**

Discussed Tristan's spreadsheet showing metered numbers for water and how a 100% usage fee model would impact existing user base.

Tristan suggested starting to adjust the per unit allocation of water downward and adjusting the overage fees upwards as a starting point toward doing metering.

Tim volunteered to see if he can find anybody from the state who could provide advice on how to do a rate restructuring.

Greg has seen an email about a seminar offered by the state to discuss rate structuring. He will email the Commission and Arion Thiboumery this information tomorrow.

Tristin noted that sewage is not metered and there isn't a good way to allocate where the flow into the plant is actually coming from. We also know there are places like Green Mountain Ice that consume a lot of water and don't generate much sewage.

Arion departed the meeting at this point

### **Discuss hiring for upcoming vacancy and Industry standards pay scale**

Bethel hired an assistant operator with no experience at \$21.75 .

Tristan is thinking \$21 to \$22 when the new operator is qualified.

### **Brief discussion, state's water bill pay**

Discussed briefly and tabled for future meeting

### **Waste Water connection for 345 Main Street**

The homeowner is trying to take this building down and install a modular in a different location on the property. They are looking to use a temporary line to connect this modular to the existing septic line until spring when they are verbally saying their intention is to bury a permanent line.

**Clerk's financial report**

Water bill payments are coming in pretty well. Goddard has paid their bills in advance of the due dates.

**Chief Facility Operator's report**

Greg/Tristan has gotten a price (\$3000) to put a meter in the weir in the waste water pipe from Goddard college. This will hopefully help isolate where all the extra wastewater we are processing is coming from.

Need to work on updating the source protection plan.

**Approve warrants**

Warrants for 12/22/21, 12/24/21, 12/31/21, 1/7/22, 1/14/22, 1/21/22,1/28/22, 2/4/22, 2/11/22, 2/15/22, 2/18/22 were approved

**Other business**

Mary asked if Mr. Stone on Mill St. had ever responded with a plan for replacing wastewater lines as requested by the Commission. Greg (or Tristan) reports they have not heard from him.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 15th at 5:15PM as a ZOOM session.

The meeting adjourned 6:53PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips