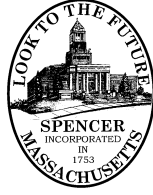


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Minutes of Meeting held April 13, 2022

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held at the Water Department, also, broadcast live from the Spencer Water Department, 3 Old Meadow Rd, Spencer, MA. (Documents are on file at the Utilities and Facilities Office)

Members present: Francis "Frank" White
Lawrence "Larry" Dufault
Michael "Mike" Mercadante

Sewer staff present: James Laplante, Jr., Supt.
Debra Graves, Sr Clerk

Other present: Tighe & Bond: Ian Catlow, Ryan Siegel

Meeting was called to order at 4:01pm.

Vote to approve Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2022.

A motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2022 (Larry/Frank/Mike) passed 3/0 with a roll call vote: Larry-yes, Frank-yes, Mike-yes.

Superintendent James LaPlante Reports:

- Review Monthly Operations Report
(Reports are on file at the Utilities & Facilities Office)

Budget & Capital Items:

- Review four quotes for container storage for the WWTP upgrade. Larry motion to award Steel Stored 40-foot-high cube one tripper at \$5,700 delivered, second by Frank, not in favor Mike. Roll call vote, Larry-yes, Frank -yes, Mike-no.
- North St: replaced section of partially collapsed pipe High I & I rate should be relined. Clark Street will need repair and relining and is a high infiltration area with an estimated 26,400 per day dry weather flow, repairs targeted for FY23. Will require engineering and repair services bid.

Sewer Systems Upgrades:

- Review application for special permit (Spooky Realty Trust). Construction consists of a future retail/storage building, restaurant building with drive through, outdoor dining, parking.
- Tighe & Bond: Contract amendment of design overruns will be reviewed and acted upon by the Board once data is available, Tuesday April 19 Prebid contractor walk thru held at the WWTP. Sub Bid deadline is May 11, at 2:00 pm with GC bid deadline of May 25th at 2 pm.
- State Revolving Fund: Spencer 20% Debt forgiveness and ARPA grants of 6.5 million. SRF Compliance requires we must sign a contract by the end of June for upgrade construction. EPA has proposed a new draft General permit based upon design flow criteria and will institute new PFAS testing with no approved. testing method

Resident Concerns:

- Gaudette: question rates & projects: how long will rates be going up? Maybe two more at 30%, initial talks with Senator Gobi's office on grant money have taken place. Upgrades: current economic and supply chain situation will probably have adverse effect on the bid.
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- 17 North St: Owner claims they never received bill. Requesting to have late fee waive. Board review request to waive late fee. Mike made a motion not to abate the sewer portion of the bill, second by Frank, in favor, Larry.
- 29 Church St: remodeling square footage is the same but did change the layout, one bedroom was noticeably big and split it into two. 2-family, two bedrooms per floor, added 1 bedroom per floor. Cost would be \$3,520 for additional flow and no connection fee. Larry motion to approve the fee of \$3,520 for additional flow, second by Frank, not in favor, Mike. Roll call vote: Larry-yes, Frank-yes, Mike-no.
- Owner of 15 North St, 35 Lincoln St payment posted 2/7/22. 95 Chestnut St, 5 Grant St payment posted 2/14/22. Claims they pay electronic (bank) all at the same time. Requesting to waive late fees on 95 Chestnut St and 5 Grant St. Larry motion to waive late fees of \$30 on 95 Chestnut St and \$30 on 5 Grant St, second by Frank, in favor, Mike. Roll call vote: Larry-yes, Frank-yes, Mike-yes.
- 17 Bixby Rd – Owner is requesting late fees waived stating didn't receive termination notice. Mike made a motion not to abate the sewer portion of the bill, second by Frank, in favor, Larry.
- Nail Salon: Sewer Commissioners establish a policy regarding flow fees for nail salon at 15 gpd per seat x \$16.00. Also, any increase in seating capacity must be approved by the Board and these fees would apply for each additional seat installed. Motion by Larry 15 gpd per seat for any future salon going forward, seconded by Frank, in favor, Mike. Roll call vote: Larry-yes, Frank-yes, Mike-yes.

Public Meeting adjourned at 6pm motion by Larry, Second by Mike, all in favor Frank.

The Board voted and approved minutes on 5/18/22

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Graves