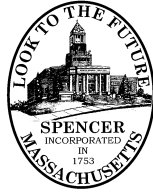


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Minutes of Meeting & Public Hearing held November 30, 2020

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners - Audioconference Broadcasted Live from McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA. (Reports are on file at the Utilities & Facilities Office)

France White called the meeting to order at 4:05pm and announced that the meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Bakers Executive order. In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus. We are currently meeting with a combination of members present and remote. All votes will be taken by roll call in accordance with regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law.

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

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

Vote to approve Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2020.

A motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2020 (Mike/Frank) passed 3/0 with a roll call vote: Larry-yes, Mike-yes, Frank-yes.

Superintendent James Laplante Reports:

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

Budget & Capital items:

- Septage rate increase: Sewer Commissioners review the septage & tight tank rates. The increase will allow more fiscal flexibility with staffing, equipment and maintenance while easing some of the burden from the rate payers. Need schedule a public hearing for the next meeting.
- MIIA safety plan grant: Total cost of \$11,350.00 balance of 1,350.00 will be paid by the Spencer Sewer Department.
- Equipment Jetter: Review the quotes for the Sewer Jetter System. Sewer Commissioners would like to discuss with Superintendent of Highway about splitting the cost. Also, waiting for another quote on this and would like to look at the equipment first.

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Sewer Systems Upgrades:

- Sewer Commissioners received the Tighe & Bond Proposal Sewer Rate Evaluation. Will review and to be discuss at the next meeting. Thigh & Bond walk through schedule for 12/2/20 @ 10am for kickoff on design. Sewer Commissioners would like to reschedule for some time after 3pm.
- Review Liquid Sludge Bid Pricing: Review low bid acceptance letter from Veolia Water, also back up facility (upper Blackstone) will not accept Spencer's sludge. Dry ton is higher and hauling is lower. After review Sewer Commissioners motion to except Synagro's Bid for the best interest of the Town and the Department. Motion by Mike to except Synagro Bid, second by Larry, and in favor, Frank. Passed 3/0 with a roll call vote, Larry-yes, Mike-yes, Frank-yes.

Resident Concerns:

- 20 Elm St: Hot water tank was leaking, requesting abatement on sewer charge. Mike motion to bring sewer charge of the bill down to \$700.00, second by Frank, and in favor, Larry. Passed 3/0 with a roll call vote, Larry-yes, Mike-yes, Frank-yes.

Public Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm motion by Mike, Second by Frank and in favor, Larry.

The Board voted and approved minutes on 12/29/2020