

**Town of Castleton
Sewer Board Meeting
Minutes of July 24, 2017
Town Offices**

Members Present: R. Combs, J. Bruno, J. Leamy, Z. Holzworth, R. Spaulding

Others present: M. Shea, Town Manager

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Bruno.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL- JUNE 20, 2017

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve the minutes of June 26, 2017 as presented. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

J. Bruno agenda date needs to be changed to read minutes of June 26, 2017.

FY 2017-18 BUDGET FOR APPROVAL

M. Shea presented members with a final FY 17-18 budget. It is a balanced budget and does not raise the rates.

MOTION: Z. Holzworth made a motion to approve the sewer budget for 2017-2018 as presented. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

SET 2017-2018 SEWER RATE

M. Shea stated at the bottom of the budget sheet is the sewer rate, same as this year's.

R. Combs noted that in the previous motion there should have been a sewer rate noted.

M. Shea replied yes, the dollar value is \$640,910.00.

R. Spaulding noted that it is \$59,000.00 less than last year.

M. Shea replied yes. The town used to have A1 dump some stuff in here and they are going to Rutland City, because they are charging real cheap, so we don't have that revenue and expense.

J. Bruno that is just the revenue.

R. Spaulding asked by A1 coming to us it cost us that much.

M. Shea it is sludge management line item.

J. Leamy asked how much Rutland reduced their charges.

M. Shea said they are charging really cheap. He was not sure of exact cost.

R. Combs stated that if you look at revenue and expense it is almost a wash.

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J. Bruno asked where we making up the difference.

R. Combs stated Capital Improvement was decreased.

J. Bruno asked why that is since we have been trying to put money in that account in the past.

J. Bruno stated that the roof is leaking and the system is failing.

M. Shea stated he is trying to keep the rates down.

J. Leamy asked where we stand in the county on our rates.

M. Shea we are the lowest in the county.

J. Leamy noted why keep the rates low if we are going to need major improvements.

M. Shea with the increase from 2 years ago we have an increase in that line item.

J. Leamy why reduce the rate if we are the lowest in the county.

M. Shea we have \$220,000.00 in reserve.

J. Leamy asked how much of the reserve will we be using for the sewer project.

M. Shea said he does not have an answer for that.

J. Leamy asked what percentage of the sewer project is the town paying for.

M. Shea stated nothing.

R. Combs and J. Bruno agree that there needs to be more research done on this sludge issue.

J. Bruno would like to see 2016 budget regarding this line item.

R. Combs asked how time sensitive is this matter.

M. Combs stated there would be enough time to get bills out if this is tabled till the next meeting.

M. Shea stated he did not understand what the Members want him to do.

J. Bruno replied that he wants to see the 2015- 2016 budget. You need to explain why we are seeing notes for “aging system” and your reducing the line item.

MOTION: Z.Holzworth made a motion to rescind my motion to approve the FY 2017-2018 sewer budget. Seconded by R.Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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MOTION: R. Spaulding made a motion to table the setting of the sewer tax rate and FY 2017-2018 sewer budget until the next meeting. Seconded by R.Combs. All in favor. Motion Carried.

J. Bruno asked M. Shea why did the Department heads waited until the ceiling was falling before they notified you that there was a problem down there.

M. Shea replied J. Jordan reached out to E. Tracy, said this has been happening for years and some patch jobs have been done.

J. Bruno asked if M.Shea had any estimates.

M.Shea replied he did not, he wanted to bring it to the Boards attention.

R. Combs asked what has the Department head and or the Town Manager done about getting proposals for a roof replacement.

M. Shea replied he was looking for your idea for getting this thing fixed. Hopefully you will say to fix the roof.

R. Combs asked M.Shea why he would have to wait for Select Board approval to get proposals.

M.Shea replied because of the allotment.

J. Leamy stated they want the same specs for estimates.

J. Bruno instructed M. Shea to get specifications and to hold a pre-bid meeting.

J. Bruno asked M. Shea if he had received a check from A & E for their portion of fire house issue.

M. Shea stated that he has sent out the bill.

ADJOURN

MOTION: R.Combs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Z.Holzworth. All in favor . Motion Carried.

Respectfully

V. Waldron

Date of Approval