

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
SEWER COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2015
TOWN OFFICES**

MEMBERS PRESENT- J. Leamy, J. Hale, R. Comb, J. Bruno

MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Spaulding

OTHERS PRESENT- M. Shea

Meeting called to order a 7:10 by J. Bruno

RICK WAREING-CEU ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

R. Wareing stated that he is presently being charged 2 units for sewage for his wife's daycare. He had offered to pay to have a meter installed and there was no movement on that issue.

He uses 192 gallons a day, 5 kids, 4 are in diapers and 1 is training. He feels he is not adding any sewage.

He presents two suggestions to the Commission:

- He has a meter put in
- drop his CEU down to 1 meter

J. Bruno stated that R. Mongeur had approached the Commission with the same request and that putting in meters sets a bad precedent.

J. Leamy asked how many other daycares there were in town.

J. Bruno asked M. Shea to research the local daycares and see what they are being charged.

M. Shea replied that R. Mongeur was rebated down to being charged for 1 CEU.

R. Combs also suggested that they look at all other daycare's and how they are being charged to be fair.

J. Bruno tabled the discussion until the research is completed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION WITH BELDEN ON RTE. 30N PROJECT

M. Shea stated that these charges are for costs that were not perceived.

J. Bruno did review the explanation of the over charges and asked if the company had notified the town immediately regarding extra charges.

K. Lougee responded that there were some unknown factors. There was additional paving in the field to give the town a better project. There were seams and joint issues which were corrected.

K. Creed stated that he took it upon himself to pave some areas to create a better project.

J. Bruno stated that when M. Shea was notified, he should have notified the Commission.

K. Lougee stated that there were no services on the East side, they had to put in the whole main first

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before they installed the mains on the East side. They are not asking for any additional money for that.

J. Bruno asked what the total was.

K. Lougee stated it was \$3,200.00 plus the \$18,923.25

J. Bruno stated that the unknown force main connection was \$18,923.25.

K. Belden offered to split the paving overage with the town 50- 50.

J. Bruno this will discussed at next meeting on Aug. 17, 2015.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT SEWER ORDINANCE, SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE AN TIMELINE

M. Shea reported that Castleton Sewer rates are about \$70.00 lower than surrounding towns. There will continue to be repairs needed to the system.

J. Bruno stated that M. Shea would like to increase the sewer rate from \$376.00/unit to \$451.00/unit.

R. Combs stated that it is a 20% increase and brings in \$631,000.00 in revenue but the total budget states \$693,080.00, where is the additional money coming from.

M. Shea stated to view the back of the FY-2016 wastewater budget, it will come from delinquent and miscellaneous charges.

J. Bruno stated that the billing is now bi-annual and that it would be easier for the taxpayer if we were to bill quarterly.

M. Combs asked if the Ordinance would speak to how the billing is to be handled.

MOTION: J. Hale made a motion to establish a new sewer rate at \$451.20/unit and to have it billed on a quarterly basis. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to approve the wastewater budge and rate (\$451.20/unit) for a total budget of \$693.080.00. Seconded by R. Combs. All in favor. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2015

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 meeting. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Waldron

Date of Approval