

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2015
TOWN OFFICES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Bruno, J. Hale, R. Combs, B. Spaulding, J. Leamy

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Shea

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by J. Bruno.

WWTF MASTER PLAN REVIEW

M. Shea commented on the report from A & E Engineer Joe Duncan.

The report states that the sewer infrastructure is failing faster in certain areas than first believed. The area from the Four Corners down to the treatment plan is in need of repairs around \$400,000.00 or more.

M. Shea would like to have this repair and others planned out, if possible, in a 10 year plan. The 10 year planning study is recommended to prioritize upgrades based on needs, costs, and available improvement methods. There would be consequences such as a rate increases and/or bonding to cover the cost of the repairs. This type of plan would allow the Town to possibly get 0% loans and grant monies for future repairs.

J. Bruno asked how the Town Manager was planning to carry it out and follow thru with the 10 year plan.

M. Shea stated that it would be charted in the budget beyond a single year. There will a capital plan presented to the Board in September which plots out 5 years + on how we are going to manage our big equipment and how and when we are going to pay for them.

M. Shea continued that we are really low on our Sewer Rates. He reported that the EPA states that the rate should be between 1 and 1 1/2 % of the median household income. The median household income in Castleton from the last Census was \$56,000.00, which means the rate should be around \$700.00 and we are under \$376.00. The budget is underfunded.

J. Hale asked if we could get a grant for the study.

M. Shea replied that yes, there is a grant that can help with the cost of the study.

MOTION: J. Hale made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to apply for the grants necessary to try to get a Sewer Study as outlined by Mr. Duncan. Seconded by R. Combs. All in favor. Motion Carried.

PRELIMINARY WWFT 2015-16 BUDGE REVIEW

M. Shea presented the Board with a preliminary budget. He asked the Board to review it and if they had any questions or suggestions to get back to him.

J. Leamy asked if J. Duncan had an idea on the cost to upgrade the plant?

M. Shea stated he would not, until he got in there. There are also new mandates coming down from the State, and we would have to get the plant up to date so we can apply for the grants.

J. Bruno asked E. Tracey about the UV system.

E. Tracey replied that they will no longer have parts or tech support for our system. We can still get bulbs and sleeves. The control circuitry is hard to find.

The replacement for this system is part of the 10 year plan. The technology has changed so much that right now there are 256 lamps there now and we are thinking that the number can possibly be reduced by maybe more than half, which means using only half the electricity, therefore, creating a cost savings after the upgrade.

J. Leamy asked how much funding the EPA is providing for all the changes they are requiring.

E. Tracey responded he did not know of any funds. M. Shea stated that he hoped there would be funds in the future.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL - APRIL 27 & MAY 11, 2015

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27 & May 11, 2015.

Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully

Date of Approval

V. Waldron

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