

DATE: February 4, 2009

Regular Meeting Boothbay Harbor Sewer District Board of Trustees

PRESENT:

Alden Jordan	Jim Stormont via teleconference
Jonathan Draper	Lisa Kristoff
Chris Higgins	Gary Farnham

Call to Order:

Alden Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Review of the Minutes of January 21, 2009

The minutes of January 21, 2009, meeting was reviewed. After review, Jon Draper made motion to accept minutes of 1/21/09, as presented. Jim Stormont seconded the motion. Vote in favor was unanimous. Jim forwarded his executed copy of the minutes to the meeting via email. The remaining trustees executed that copy.

Review of Warrant(s) 1131

Warrant 1131 was reviewed. Jon Draper made motion to execute warrant as presented. Jim Stormont seconded the motion. Vote to execute warrants was unanimous.

Late Notices:

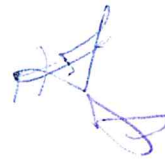
Jon Draper reviewed and executed the late notices for Rodgers, Sprucewold Dining Hall and Lodge, Swope, Thompson, Williams, Barker, Dupree, Hobson, Ladendorf, Mitchell, Schweppe, Squirrel Island Library.

90 Day Letters:

Jon Draper reviewed and executed the 90-Day letters for Brackett, Brewer, Copeland, Larson Group, Mitchell, Murray Hill Properties, and Ronan.

Lien Notices:

Jon Draper reviewed and executed the lien notices for the following, Baldson, Beal, Dolloff, Goggin, Howe, Reed, St. Andrews Village, Scattergood, and Spruce Point Inn.



Gary Farnham Insurance Opt Out:

Gary was here to discuss the option of opting out of the District's health insurance coverage. Gary inquired about the possibility of receiving compensation in lieu of the health coverage, at least in the amount to cover out of pocket expenses for inclusion on his wife's policy.

Jim expressed concern that the District would be negotiating benefits for cash, an area of new precedent. Jim also offered his own experiences with benefits from his past employers, and that was that no compensation would be received for not using the benefit. Chris also echoed the same from his experience.

Alden offered that the benefit was an expense to the District and did not see the difference in giving the employee compensation in lieu of the benefit as long as the amount did not exceed the cost of the benefit.

Jon Draper inquired about the implications to the District in other areas, such as workers compensation premiums. Chris said that if the compensation was in the form of salary then the District's premiums would go up some amount because the premiums are based on salary levels. Jon offered that perhaps the compensation could be in the form of a weekly stipend that was outside of salary. Chris would have to check with the District's accountant to be sure of withholding requirements.

Chris advised the Board that he would have to check with the Health Trust to see if there would be any other issues regarding the remaining employees if Gary did not participate. Chris thought that all employees had to participate if the Health Trust provided coverage. In addition, he had to check on the dental coverage and ipp coverage because they are part of the Health Trust package.

Jim advised that the Board wait and gather all the necessary information before making a decision. Alden and Jon agreed. Chris will check with the Trust and report back to the Trustees at the next meeting. No other action was taken.

Dan Beal Request for Reduction of Bill:

Dan Beal contacted Chris and asked if there was any way to reduce his bill for his rental property while the building was closed. Chris advised the Board that the property has an unmetered well and is charged a flat rate per quarter of \$113.30. Chris explained that current District policy for condo owners (also charged flat rate) was to reduce the off season bill to the current minimum residential rate of \$61.80. Chris said that he did not see any difference in the two and Jim agreed.

After discussion, Jon Draper made motion to reduce Beal's bill to the current residential minimum for the quarters in which the house is vacant. Also included is that the

reduction is retroactive to October 2008 when water was shut off. Jim Stormont seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

Chris informed the Board that:

1. The new truck was taken to Pro Body Works for the body repair from the Farnham accident.
2. The Gulley Line Easements are now completed and recorded.
3. The centrifuge contract is at the DEP for review. Once the review is complete, the job can be put on the street.

New Business:

Chris informed the Board that:

1. The YMCA has asked the District to review the impact of accepting 800 gpm of backwash water from the new pool. Chris said that the 800 gpm would impact the sewer system and that an analysis would have to be performed and reviewed by Wright-Pierce.
2. The 2008 audit is under way by Alan Brewer and Associates of Bath, Maine. Chris advised that he has to author the Management Discussion and Analysis for the audit.

Public Comment:

None

Correspondance:

None

Adjourn Regular Meeting:


Jon Draper made motion to adjourn regular meeting. Alden Jordan seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Regular Meeting ended at 6:50 pm.


Alden Jordan, Chairman

We, the undersigned, do hereby waive notice of the above meeting and do agree to the business transacted.



Alden Jordan, Chairman



Jonathon Draper, Treasurer.

2/12/09

Jim Stormont, Clerk