

DATE: May 6, 2009

Regular Meeting Boothbay Harbor Sewer District Board of Trustees

PRESENT:

Alden Jordan
Jim Stormont
Chris Higgins
Fred Munroe

Jon Draper
Lisa Kristoff
James Farrin

Virginia Farrin
Dan Kahler
Mary Kahler

Call to Order:

Alden Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Review of the Minutes of April 15, 2009

The minutes of April 15, 2009, meeting was reviewed. After review, Jim Stormont made motion to accept minutes of 4/15/09, as presented. Alden Jordan seconded the motion. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Review of Warrant(s) 1137

Warrant 1137 was reviewed. Jon Draper made motion to execute warrant as presented. Alden Jordan seconded the motion. Vote to execute warrant was unanimous.

Lien Discharge:

Jon Draper executed the lien discharge for Nora Myshrall.

Centrifuge Update:

Chris reported that Brown and Caldwell have reviewed the bid and the DEP. Brown and Caldwell and the DEP have approved the bid. We are now waiting for the "Notice to Proceed" execution. This will occur when APEX submits all of their paper work.

James Farrin – Abatement Request for Howard House:

Jim and his wife Ginny asked the Board to consider eliminating the sewer fees for their B&B for this year. They are not going to open because of health issues. They may open in the future. They advised that they be on a flat fee for both, the house and the B&B, because they are not metered. Jon Draper offered to reduce the bill for the B&B to the minimum of \$61.80 from \$113.40. Jim Stormont offered that he feels it appropriate to

assess the property at "ready-to-serve". After discussion, Jon Draper made motion to reduce the bill for the Howard House to "ready-to-serve" until the Farrin's reopen for business. Jim Stormont seconded the motion. Vote to assess at 61.80 until the business reopens was unanimous.

Dan and Mary Kaler, Fred Munro: Sewer Bill:

Dan and Mary Kaler and Fred Munroe addressed the Board regarding the new sewer fees that were instituted last fall. Dan explained that they knew about the meetings in the fall, but did not attend. His concern was a perceived 1000% increase in their bill and felt that the amount of the increase was unreasonable. Alden explained that the District had to be sized and staffed to handle the summer load regardless of the season. Because of this, the District adjusted the rates to reflect the "on demand" nature of the summer in the off-season. Alden further explained that the District did a poor job of adjusting the rates over time. Alden indicated that a more gradual increase should have been made since the inception of the metered rates in 2001. Jim Stormont explained the rationale for the adjust as being able to cover 50% of the District's fixed costs in the off-season. Therefore the change to assessing the previous year's highest quarterly or annual consumption at 50% of the current residential rate. Fred Munroe added that the business community is a victim of the District's lack of keeping up with the times. Fred further offered that the rate increases should have occurred on a gradual basis since 2001 and not all in one year. All present had no opposition to the rate increase just the amount of the increase in one year. Chris analyzed Kaler's bill for 2009 under the old system and the new system. They could expect an increase of approximately \$500.00. In effect, the Kaler's bill increased 25% and not 1000% as first thought. After discussion, the Kaler's thanked the Board for taking the time to speak with them and further explain what they could expect for future sewer bills. No other action was taken.

Purchase of a 1-ton truck:

Chris advised the Board that the truck had been purchased and is at the garage being inspected and repaired. The Trustees had previously given Chris a verbal o.k. to purchase the truck for \$8,000.00 prior to the meeting.

Town Road Opening Spec's:

Chris reported that he met with the Town Manager and Jon Ziegler regarding the road-opening permit and Town Spec's. The meeting was called by Jon Ziegler and was held at the BBRWD Office. The Town Manager was receptive to our comments and took our comments back for review with the Public Works Foreman. The Sewer District gave the Town a copy of spec's that were written in 1996 along with detail drawings for consideration. A future meeting will be held to discuss the changes.

Sea Street Paving:

Chris advised the Board that Jon Ziegra put out the RFP on a per square yard basis. Chris did not know when the RFP's were due. Chris advised that the Town wants the paving done prior to Memorial Day.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Chris informed the Board that number 1 pump at PS 9 has failed. The failure was caused by a broken impeller. The cause of the break was not determined. The pump has been taken to Stultz Electric in Portland for shaft repair.
2. Alden announced that he is considering retirement from the Board. He did not give a date. Both Board members were sad to hear about his decision. Alden was not definite on a date.

Public Comment:

None

Correspondence:

None

Adjourn Meeting:

Alden Jordan made motion to adjourn regular meeting. Jim Stormont seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Regular Meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

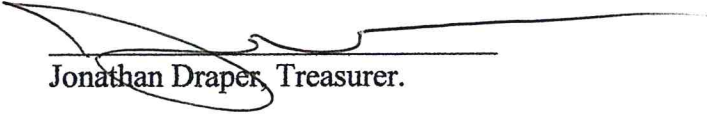


Alden Jordan, Chairman

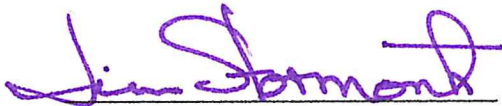
We, the undersigned, do hereby waive notice of the above meeting and do agree to the business transacted.



Alden Jordan, Chairman



Jonathan Draper, Treasurer.



Jim Stormont, Clerk