

March 15, 2017

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the Sterling Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 6:35 pm. Member's present-Russell Gray, C. Peter Rabbitt, Neil Cook, John Firlik, and Lincoln Cooper.

Staff present- Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-Robert Wittenzellner.

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Approval of Minutes: N. Cook made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to approve the 12/28/2016 and the 1/10/2017 special meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Sewer Infiltration: R. Gray reported no new issues to report.

b. Water System Issues: 1) R. Wittenzeller of Whitewater, Inc. reported that Kimberly Miller, 5 Sterling Ridge Lane has a leak in her basement. Prior to obtaining the asbuilts from the developer of Sterling Hill Estates, the water for the entire street would have been shut off in order to fix the leak. The asbuilts show where the compression fitting shutoffs are located at the curb stop for each home. 2) R. Wittenzeller reported that the motor failed on well #2 and a new motor has been ordered.

c. Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) – Update: R. Gray reported that the Town of Sterling has declared the entire Town as an Exclusive Service Area (ESA) with the understanding that Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) land will be handled by the State. By declaring that we are the ESA for the Town of Sterling, the Town is establishing that any future community water system will be under Town management. On 2/8/2017 the Water Utility Control Commission (WUCC) approved the preliminary ESA for Sterling that was submitted along with fourteen (14) other towns.

New Business:

a. Quarterly Report from Treasurer: This report covering the quarter 10/1-12/31/2016 showed the Sewer Authority earned \$22,234.42 and the Water Company earned \$8,040.19. As of 12/31/2016 Sewer owes the General Fund \$170,000 and Water owes the General Fund \$20,000 (These are the same balances since 9/30/2015).

b. EmpireCo Limited Partnership – 10 Exeter Drive: R. Gray reported that ReEnergy sold the property located at 10 Exeter Drive to EmpireCo Limited Partnership. When ReEnergy owned the property they paid the Town \$5,000 per quarter for water. EmpireCo Limited Partnership does not want to pay the \$5,000 for water. Discussion was held that the agreement ReEnergy had with the Town should be transferred with the sale of the property. Jason Bandieramonte of EmpireCo Limited Partnership was not available to attend tonight's meeting. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Authority: R. Gray reported that he met with Mia McDonald, Drinking Water Specialist of RCAP Solutions to discuss the water system and tour the water pumps, as well as, the water tank. M. McDonald suggested raising the water rates and will forward a report to R. Gray within the next couple of months.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to adjourn 7:12 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary

