

Sterling Water Pollution Control Authority
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 20, 2023 @ 6:30pm
Sterling Municipal Building Room #15

Present: Lincoln Cooper, Dean Roussel, Pete Rabbitt and Jack Joslyn

Also Present: Sherri Soucy

- I. **Call to Order:** L. Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All stood to honor the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Audience of Citizens:** None
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** D. Roussel made a motion to amend the minutes with one revision; Item #5 discussion under water rates, sixth item “discussion held on new construction...” states D. Roussel will inquire what charges are incurred by White Water... D. Roussel states that he understood Sherri was going to speak with the gentleman from White Water, Bob Whitenzelner. Jack Joslyn seconded the motion. Minutes approved with amendment 4-0.
- V. **Discussion from D. Roussel regarding water & sewer:** D. Roussel states there is one amendment to the rates presented at the last meeting; Sherri confirmed it was \$3,300 so going to \$5,000 would be in line with every place else. The installation rates incurred by White Water have not been confirmed. D. Roussel is suggesting \$5,000 for sewer hook-up.
D. Roussel suggests increasing the installation or removal of water meters to \$500.
Once rates are confirmed with White Water, these can be finalized.

Overview of proposed rates from last meeting:

Sewer rate per EDU: \$600

New construction: \$5,000

Quarterly water usage rate: \$150 up to 15k gallons/qtr

Excess consumption over 15k gallons/qtr: \$0.0095 per gallon (\$9.50/1k)

Fire hydrant charges: \$75 each

Meter installation/removal: \$500

Meter on/off charge: \$250 – between 8am-4pm M-F

All other times: \$450

Any and all additional charges shall be billed to the customer at cost, plus.

S. Soucy will finalize the numbers, and this will be on the next agenda.

At the last Board of Finance meeting, L. Cooper requested the board to approve \$88,390 for the restoration of 30 manholes. This included Church Street and Route 14, no other expenses to the Town. This was approved.

The next step, the quote given to inspect the entire system is \$39,508.50. Once that is completed, an estimate for repairs will be given. The manholes need to be completed first to move forward. L. Cooper will then bring the next phase to the Board of Finance.

L. Cooper will invite the gentleman from White Water to attend the next meeting.

- VI. Adjournment:** D. Roussel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. P. Rabbitt seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary