

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
April 13, 2017 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on April 13, 2017 in the Small Conference Room at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM. Present were Chairman Joseph Balliro, Commissioner George Allan, Commissioner Robert LaVita, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2016 MEETING

MOTIOIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2016 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2016 MEETING

Water Rate Increase

Town Account Michael Morris was present to discuss Water & Sewer rates. Town Accountant, Michael Morris has recommended raising the current water rate by 3%. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED THAT EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2ND QUARTER 2017 BILLING A 3% RATE INCREASE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER ACCOUNTS, AS OUTLINED IN TABLE BELOW IN ADDITON TO THE FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES BEING INCREASED BY THE SAME 3%.

Meter Rates (100 cu ft/quarter)

| | <u>Previous Rate</u> | <u>New Rate (as of 2nd Quarter 2017)</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---|
| <i>Residential Usage</i> | | |
| 0-10 | \$3.53 | \$3.64 |
| 10-20 | \$3.91 | \$4.03 |
| 20-30 | \$4.70 | \$4.84 |
| Over 30 | \$6.27 | \$6.46 |
| <i>Commercial</i> | | |
| 0-50 | \$3.86 | \$3.98 |
| 50-200 | \$4.13 | \$4.25 |
| Over 200 | \$4.51 | \$4.65 |
| <i>Industrial</i> | | |
| 0-300 | \$3.81 | \$3.92 |
| 100-300 | \$4.07 | \$4.19 |
| Over 1000 | \$4.45 | \$4.58 |
| <i>Municipal</i> | | |
| 0-100 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 100-300 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Over 300 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Sewer Rate Increase

Town Accountant, Michael Morris has recommended raising the current sewer rate by 9%. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED THAT EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2ND QUARTER BILLING 2017 A 9% RATE INCREASE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SEWER ACCOUNTS, AS OUTLINED IN TABLE BELOW IN ADDITION TO IMMEDIATELY INCREASING THE SEPTAGE MANIFEST SLIPS BY THE SAME 9%.

| | <u>Previous Rate</u> | <u>New Rate (as of 2nd Quarter 2017)</u> |
|--------------------|--|---|
| <i>Residential</i> | \$5.14 | \$5.60 |
| <i>Ind/Comm</i> | \$6.15 | \$6.70 |
| Manifest Slips | \$140/Slip up to 1,500 gallons \$152.60/Slip up to 1,500 gallons | |

Billing Adjustments & Corrections

There were none.

Monthly Report

The monthly report for the March 2017 meeting was presented to the Commission for review.

Proposed FY2018 Water & Sewer Budgets

The 2018 Water and Sewer Budgets as presented to the Finance Committee were reviewed by The Water & Sewer Commission. Following a brief discussion, the following motions were made:

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FY2018 WATER BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FY2018 SEWER BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

Other Business

A Sanitary Survey is an onsite review of the water source, facilities, equipment, operation and maintenance of a public water system for the purpose of evaluating the adequacy of such source, facilities, equipment, operation and maintenance for producing and distributing safe drinking water. The Water Department recently underwent a Sanitary Survey performed by The Department of Environmental Protection. The survey results were overall satisfactory in each area. There was one minor find relative to the lowering of the pH level in the water back in 2012. The Town began receiving several complaints of a white residue in their water and many meters were changed out due to meter clogging. It was determined that this was potentially caused by the amount of Lime that was being put into the water supply, which helps in compliance with the Lead & Copper Rule. The pH level was lowered from 8.8 to 8.6. The lowering of the pH had no adverse effects on the water supply, however DEP did not have record of the pH being lowered.

Mr. Lobao informed the Commission that the Annual Water Main Flushing Program has commenced.

Public Comment Period

None

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission will be held May 18, 2017 in Room 9 at Town Hall unless otherwise posted.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diane Forest, Recording Secretary