

*Town of Wilmington*  
*Water & Sewer Commission*  
*August 21, 2014 Meeting*

The Water and Sewer Commission met on August 21, 2014 in the Small Conference Room at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Present were Chairman Joseph Balliro, Commissioner Robert LaVita, Commissioner George Allan, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

**Approval of Minutes - July 17, 2014**

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2014 MEETING.

**Billing Adjustments/Corrections** - There were none

**82 Salem Street - Water Back Charges**

The owners of 82 Salem Street, Paul & Jennifer Mason were present to discuss their request for abatement of back charges for unbilled water use. Upon connecting to the municipal sewer system it was discovered that the electronic reading device on the meter had been transmitting inaccurate readings for an unknown period of time. Once an actual reading was obtained from the meter register, it indicated that more water was used than what was actually billed. The usage on the meter register itself was recorded accurately. At the previous Water & Sewer Commission Meeting, the Commission voted to average and prorate the unbilled usage. The lowest rate was used for the block reading quarters in order to calculate the unbilled usage. Mr. & Mrs. Mason explained that they did not feel they should be responsible for the back charges because of a faulty electronic ERT. They also explained that they are going through extreme financial hardship and are selling their home. Following a lengthy discussion a motion was made. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE AN ABATEMENT OF BACKCHRGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$905.07 FOR UNBILLED WATER USE REDUCING THE CHARGES DOWN TO \$500.00. IN ADDITION ANY AND ALL PENALTIES FEES WILL BE WAIVED.

**North Intermediate School - Sewer Connection**

Update - The septic system had failed at the North Intermediate School. Public sewer is available via an existing stub at the location. Approximately 500' of PVC and 5 manholes have been installed and the sewer connection has been completed

**Monthly** Report - The monthly report for July 2014 was reviewed by the Commission.

**Other Business**

Preparations for the renovations of the Hillside Way Water Storage Tank have begun. The tank is being drained.

**Public Comment Period** - None

**Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission - September 25, 2014 at 5:00 PM.  
This is not the normally scheduled meeting date.**

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Diane P. Forest, Recording Secretary