

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
November 18, 2021 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on November 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Chairman George Allan, Commissioner Robert LaVita, Commissioner Michael Camoscio, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

Approval of Minutes

- **September 16, 2021 Meeting** – ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 MEETING.
- **October 21, 2021 Meeting** – ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO SECONDED COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN, IT WAS VOTED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2021 MEETING. Commissioner Camoscio, not being present at that meeting abstained.

Billing Adjustments & Corrections

Atztec Real Estate	374 Main Street	Commercial	Sewer T-On	\$	36.48
Lucci Realty Trust	217 Lowell Street	Commercial	Sewer T-On	\$	336.45
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ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO RATIFY THE BILLING ADJUSTMENTS AND CORRECTIONS AS PRESENTED.

104 Mink Run Road – Abatement/Payment Plan Request

Melissa Anne Zarrella filed an abatement with the Water & Sewer Commission. She had a leak that she was unaware of causing her bill to significantly increase. She has been trying to catch up but is struggling to do so. Ms. Zarrella is requesting to be placed on a payment plan to avoid further late fees or liens. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE A PAYMENT PLAN FREE OF ANY LIENS OR LATE FEES UNTIL MS. ZARRELLA CAN CATCH UP ON HER BILL AND TO ABATE EXISTING LATE CHARGES IN THE AMOUNT \$75.82.

Monthly Report

The October 2021 monthly report was submitted to the Commission for review.

PFAS – UPDATE

At the last Commission meeting, Mr. Lobao explained that PFAS is a chemical associated with non-stick materials, fire foam, Teflon etc. There is a new standard that DEP had put into place beginning in October of 2020 with Wilmington required to begin testing for PFAS in April of 2021. The EPA health advisory level is 70 parts per trillion, whereas the Mass DEP has instituted a level of 20 parts per trillion as an MCL of a combined sum of 6 out of the 1000's of PFAS chemicals. On October 6, 2021, one sample from the Sargent Water Treatment Plant came back with a level of 20.6 ppt. As a precautionary measure MassDEP recommends consumers in a

sensitive subgroup (pregnant or nursing women, infants and people diagnosed by their health care provider to have a compromised immune system), not consume, drink, or cook with water when the level of PFAS6 is above 20 ppt. The Town created a proactive plan to reduce the amount of PFAS in the drinking water as quickly as possible and has taken actions since receiving the sample result.

Mr. Lobao informed the Commission that the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) at the Sargent Water Treatment Plant has been replaced and samples taken since then have shown no detection of PFAS in the water. The Town will closely monitor the GAC in place to determine the necessary frequency of having it replaced. The PFAS informational page is now available on the Town's website at <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/water-sewer-division/pages/pfas-wilmington>. In addition, it was determined by DEP that it would not be necessary to send a letter out to residents regarding the PFAS as originally stated. The Town will send this informational letter out anyway and will continue to follow any actions as required by DEP.

It was reiterated that the Town was never in violation.

Salem Street Well Field

The capital outlay project for the replacement of the Salem Street well field project is underway. Weston & Sampson CMR broke ground last week. The Commission will be kept informed of the projects progress.

Middlesex Avenue/Jefferson Road Sewer Project

The bid opening for the Middlesex Avenue & Jefferson Road sewer project is scheduled for December 8, 2021 and the results will be available for the December meeting.

American Rescue Plan

Massachusetts will receive 3.4 billion dollars as part of the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA". The State determines how much each community will receive and Wilmington has been given 2 million dollars to start and expects to see a total of 7 million dollars. The DPW – Water & Sewer Division will be recommending that some of this money be used towards funding necessary water main improvements in Woburn Street which is currently estimated to cost 5.5 million dollars. The Commission will be kept informed.

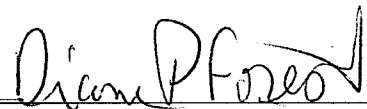
Other Business – No other business

Public Comment Period - No public comments

Next Meeting -The next meeting is scheduled to be held on December 16, 2021.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Diane Forest, Recording Secretary