

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
March 17, 2022 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on March 17, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM. Present were, Chairman George Allan via Zoom, Commissioner Michael Camoscio, Utility & Business Manager, Joseph Lobao, Assistant Business Manager Diane Forest and Recording Secretary Lindsay Brown.

Approval of Minutes January 20, 2022 Meeting – Tabled

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Billing Adjustments & Correction

Abatement Request – 2 Christine Drive

The owner of 2 Christine Drive, Nikhil Kodgule was present to discuss his request for an abatement for excessive water and sewer charges in the amount of \$4,533.10 which appeared on his February 1, 2022 water & sewer bill. Mr. Kodgule explained to the Commission members that he was out of Town from December 16, 2021 to January 5, 2022. Upon returning to his home, he found that the outside faucet had frozen and split causing a large continuous leak. Mr. Kodgule requested that the Commission reduce his water and sewer bill. Following a lengthy discussion, the Commission concluded that there would be no abatement granted for water usage, as it did go through the meter. They did however feel that due to hardship, they could come to some compromise for the sewer charges. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO GRANT A ONE TIME ADJUSTMENT FOR THE FEBRUARY 1, 2022, SEWER CHARGES FROM \$2,051.37 TO \$186.20, THE USAGE BILLED FOR THE NOVEMBER 1, 2021 BILL AND IN ADDITION WAVING ANY AND ALL PENALTIES OR LATE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS BILLING QUARTER.

Abatement Request – 64 Forest Street

Diane Monestere of 64 Forest Street submitted an application for abatement of a \$29.84 late penalty for nonpayment of her November 1, 2021 water bill. Ms. Monestere explained on her application that she was having some renovation work done in her home office and had misplaced a few of her bills, the water bill being one of them. She has since found the bill, but unfortunately a late fee had already been assessed. The homeowner stated that she has always paid her bills on time. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO GRANT A ONE TIME ABATEMENT OF PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29.84 BASED ON THE IMPECABLE PAYMENT HISTORY FOR THIS ACCOUNT.

Monthly Report

The February 2022 monthly report was submitted to the Commission for review.

FY2023 Water & Sewer Budgets

Mr. Lobao stated that the presentation to Finance Committee of the Water & Sewer Budgets went smoothly. The Commission had a brief discussion relative to a few of the Capital Outlay items.

- ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN IT WAS VOTED THAT THE WATER & SEWER COMMISSION SUPPORT THE FY2023 WATER BUDGET AS PRESENTED.
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Brown's Crossing Well Cleaning

The bid opening for the Redevelopment, surging and chemical treatment of (15) Gravel packed wells at brown's crossing wellfield took place on February 23, 2022. The bid results were as follows:

- Maher Services Inc. \$ 78,250.00
- F.G. Sullivan Drilling Company Inc. \$122,016.00
- Weston & Sampson, CMR Inc. \$137,624.00

Maher Services bid was accepted, and the contracts have been signed. The start date is to be determined.

2022 Annual Water Main Flushing

The annual water main flushing and valve exercising program will begin on Tuesday April 19, 2022. The flushing program will be conducted on Monday through Friday from 8:00 P.M. until 12:00 A.M. and will take approximately 8 weeks to complete. Flushing the water mains aids in removing sediments that collect in the pipeline resulting in improved water quality. Unfortunately, this work may temporarily cause some discolored water but should become clear after running your cold water for a few minutes. The water will remain safe to drink during this program. Residents will be notified of this program through the newspaper, website, WCTV and social media.

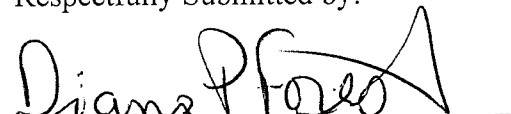
Other Business – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has imposed a revised Lead and Copper Rule. Mr. Lobao informed the Commission that the Wilmington public water distribution system does not have any lead water mains or services in Town.

Public Comment Period - No public comments

Next Meeting -The next meeting is scheduled to be held on April 21, 2022.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Diane Forest, Recording Secretary