Town of Berlin Sewer Commission
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Commissioners
Rob Allen / Henry LaGue Jr. /
Wayne Lamberton / Dana Marineau
Assistant - Mary S Wissell

Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes
Monday August 31, 2015

Present: Rob Allen, Chair; Henry LaGue, Wayne Lamberton, Dana Marineau Ron Mercier, Attorney Rob Halpert and Mary Wissell.

Meeting called to order at 6:10 P.M.

Public Comment - none.

Montpelier Public Works - Attorney Halpert was invited to the Sewer Commission Meeting to discuss billing disagreements and solutions with Montpelier Public Works. A review of the results of continuing discussion the City and Town have reached agreement on and A report from Montpelier Public Works outlining the operational costs associated with treatment of septage and leachate was discussed. The Town and City still do not agree on the force main charges, force main charges have not been addressed and the Town maintains that force main charges are insignificant as addressed in the Hamlin Report. The Commission requested that Attorney Halpert draft a letter to be sent to Montpelier Public Works outlining the position on the outstanding issues.

First In Fitness – Mike Woodfield - Mike Woodfield submitted a report outlining usage and costs incurred. In 2013 the water meter for the pool supply make up water malfunctioned. A number of cost saving changes were made in 2011 and 2012. In April of 2014 a new meter was installed, the pool make up meter was eliminated. Woodfield advised that no pool water goes in the sewer system, Berlin Fire Dept drains the pool when the water is changed. The Commission asked about backwash water that goes into the system. Woodfield said the backwash water is not being metered at this time but thought the usage was minimal. The Commission asked Ron Mercier to check the meter, the backwash system and report how it is set up. Article tabled.

Maintenance – Ron Mercier reported that Shaw's Pump Station is working fine after recent repairs have been completed.

Minutes – Dana Marineau made a motion to approve the minutes from August 10th 2015 Meeting as written. Wayne Lamberton 2nd the motion. Vote – All in favor.

Delinquents - A report of chronic Delinquent Accounts was reviewed. A copy of this report is attached to the minutes. The Commission abated all charges for the following accounts: Dorney – The mobile home was abandoned and Dorney is no longer a sewer customer. Rathbone - The mobile home will be sold at tax sale and Rathbone is no longer a sewer customer. Barr – No longer owns the mobile home it was dismantled. Barr's have moved and no longer receive sewer service. Kew - Kews have not honored the last two Small Claims Judgements against them. They receive sewer services, a letter will be sent advising them that payments must be made or tax sale will be requested. DeSorbo – a request for abatement was received. DeSorbo receives sewer services, no charges were abated, a letter will be sent to DeSorbo advising payments must be made or the tax sale process will be requested.
Dana Marineau made a motion to proceed with abatement of all charges for Dorney, Rathbone and Barr. Wayne Lamberton 2nd the motion. Vote - All in favor.
Henry LaGue abstained from discussion and voting.

Warrants: Dana Marineau made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant Report #1684 dated August 31, 2015 in the amount of $ 35,298.81 checks #2725 - 2733. Henry LaGue 2nd the motion. Vote - All in favor.

Round Table – Sewer connections and inspections at new buildings was discussed. Mary Wissell is to send a letter to these new owners. There will be no meeting September 14, 2015. Next meeting is September 28, 2015.

Adjourned - Meeting adjourned at 8:00. Motion made by Wayne Lamberton, 2nd by Henry LaGue. Vote - All in favor.

Mary S Wissell
Assistant to the Sewer Commission

Date Approved: September 28, 2015