

**Town of Berlin Public Works Board
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Commissioners

**Rob Allen / John Charissakis/ Henry LaGue Jr. /
Wayne Lamberton / Dana Marineau**

**Regular Meeting
Monday July 24, 2017
Approved Minutes**

Present: Rob Allen (RA), Chair; Henry LaGue (HL), John Charissakis (JC), Ron Mercier (RM), Scott Kelley (SK) and Thomas Badowski (TB).

Absent: Dana Marineau (DM), Wayne Lamberton (WL)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Public Comment - No Public Comment

Ice Pigging – Scott Kelley of Utilities Service Company spoke on the capabilities of Ice Pigging as a means of removing solids build-up in sewer force mains. RM previously reported that the Shaw’s pump station was experiencing reduced flows. SK informed that Ice Pigging employs a technology of injecting a saltwater ice slurry into the force main which scours the interior like a glacier and absorbs the impurities as it passes through. Unlike conventional “pigs”, the ice forms to the size of the pipe and has the ability to pass through bends, valves, etc. He explained the Town of Middlebury, Vermont successfully used this technology. TB spoke to Middlebury and they stated an 11% increase in flow after ice pigging. SK presented a proposal to ice pig the 2,800 foot length of the Shaw’s force main for \$8,500. The proposal was tabled for future discussion.

Maintenance –

- RM reported that he twice utilized a fire truck pumper on the Shaw’s force main to dislodge blockage. He reports some success and suggested a monthly purge of the force main with the pumper. HL moved and JC second a motion to monthly utilize pumper truck to purge the force main through November 2017. Motion passed unanimously.
- RM reported on the receipt of one replacement pump quote from Champlin Associates. TB still waiting on quote from Camp Precast.
- RM produced a picture of a manhole on Hideaway Drive showing excessive solids buildup. He is working with the developer to resolve this issue.

City of Montpelier 2017-18 Sewer Billing – TB distributed a revised City of Montpelier rate establishment letter. TB and Town Treasurer Diane Isabelle met with the City’s Finance Director and Engineer to discuss the letter. Part of that discussion included resolution of City owed credits to BPW.

Staff Report

- New sewer rate of \$.0087772367 per gallon was established per Board directive.
- Repair/replacement of defective meters are underway.
- An anticipated Water Allocation was not received and is expected for August 14, 2017, meeting.

Minutes – HL moved and JC second as motion to approve the Minutes from July 10, 2017, Meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Warrants –

- HL made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant Report 18S02 for checks # 2996 - 3005 in the amount of \$91,545.49 with JC second. Motion passed unanimously.
- HL made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant Report 18W02 for checks # 10164 - 10165 in the amount of \$334.00 with JC second. Motion passed unanimously.

Round Table –

- HL suggested a Public Education program on what and what should not be disposed through the sewer system.

Adjourned - Motion made by HL with second by JC to adjourn at 8:43 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Thomas J. Badowski
Recording Secretary
Berlin Sewer Commission