

SOUTHWEST HARBOR WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

April 25, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall

4:00 PM.

Trustees; Lee Worcester, Marilyn Lowell, Ken Minier
Steven Kenney, Manager

Meeting called to Order: 4:03 PM

Meeting minutes;

March 2024 minutes. Motion by Minier to approve with date and warrant number changes, 2nd by Lowell. Unanimous

Financials;

Reports;

Board read over and acknowledged the monthly financial statements. Motion by Lowell, 2nd by Minier, Unanimous.

1st Quarter Commitments;

Motion by Worcester to approve the Water & Sewer Commitments as written, 2nd Lowell, unanimous.

Use of unappropriated funds;

The District received \$210,00.00 in reimbursed water expenses through State grants. The District Manager requested authorization from the Board to use some of these funds to be transferred into the Water Budget, Line item #620.3 to allow \$20,000.00 in additional funds to be available for continuing the transfer of services from the old 6" water main, to the newer 12" water main on Seawall Rd. This was made as a motion by Worcester, 2nd by Minier, unanimous.

Warrants 97, March Payroll;

Motion by Lowell to approve the Warrant 97, 2nd by Worcester. Unanimous.

Motion to approve March payroll by Lowell, 2nd by Minier. Unanimous

Updates;

Verizon Land Lease;

The lease is still in the hands of our attorneys and we are still awaiting their response.

Seawall service transfers;

We have almost completed all service transfers from the 6" main to the 12" main on Seawall between Kings Ln and Ocean House Ln. The Town's CIP water/ sewer line item is almost depleted for this task so the Board approved additional funds from unappropriated water revenues to augment the Town's funds and complete the project.

Seawall Campground watermain repair;

The District is working with Goodwin Construction, NPS and MeDOT to make the repair and ascertain whom will be responsible for the cost of the repair.

WWTP upgrade project;

In general, the project is on schedule, there are slight delays in the initial earthwork, but ahead of schedule in internal demolition.

Main St. project;

The contractors are down to only 1 more items to complete to allow us to cut and cap the old 6" water main. It involves the removal of contaminated soils so they need to orchestrate a time that both DEP, a special contamination dumpster and good weather can be on site at the same time.

Technology upgrades;

The Manager reported that due to the need to replace equipment. increase in monthly fees and nonreliability of the existing internet services supplied by the State of Maine through the Regional Highschool, it would be more beneficial for the District to use the new fiberoptic systems being installed in Town to allow communications between the lift stations, Town Hall and both treatment plants. This would involve an initial equipment upgrade but would be less expensive and more reliable in the long run.

Next Meeting, May 16, 2024

Meeting Adjourned 4:35 PM, motion by Minier, 2nd by Lowell, Unanimous.