

SOUTHWEST HARBOR WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

August 17, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall

4:00 PM.

Trustees; Lee Worcester, Ralph Dunbar, Marilyn Lowell, William Tillman
Manager; Steven Kenney.

Meeting called to Order: 4:00 PM

July Minutes;

Motion made by Lowell to approve May minutes, 2nd by Dunbar. 3-0-1, Worcester abstained as he was not present at the July meeting.

Financials;

Reports; After questions and discussion over line items that had high expenditures. Board read over and acknowledged the monthly financial statements.

Warrants 89 and July Payroll;

Motions by Dunbar to approve the Warrant 89, 2nd by Lowell. Unanimous.

Motion to approve July payroll by Dunbar, 2nd by Lowell. Unanimous

Project Updates;

Phone Tower;

No new information concerning the Verizon Lease for space at the Standpipe lot has arrived from Verizon to date. Bernstein-Shur, our attorneys, did state the District can enter into a contract to lease the property without going through a competitive bid process.

WWTP;

Manager reported that the override for plant funding would be about \$9.2m. We are hoping to receive \$1m in federal grant funding from Senator Collins office and \$4m in grant funding from the USDA. We also have a potential for low interest borrowing from the DEP of \$2.5m... but we need to assume that these funds will not be available and should address looking at borrowing the full amount. Once an actual figure is arrived at, we need to ask the Town for a Town Meeting, or Special Town Meeting, to request the remaining borrowed funds be approved to be on the tax roles as the original \$8m for the original WWTP upgrade project.

Board requested information showing the impact on the sewer rates vs the tax rates of a borrowing.

New Truck;

After some discussion, the Board agreed to trade in the 2018 dodge Ram 2500 and purchase a new ½ ton pick-up. Manager will request quotes from the various local dealers.

Employees;

The Manager is still having issues with Workers Comp. As per the last meeting Lowell contacted WC and was told the Manager needed to give them a detail of the time he had off for WC related issues before reimbursement can be done. Manager said he would create a spread sheet as soon as possible and get it to WC.

Next meeting; Thursday, September 21, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned 4:45 PM, motion by Dunbar, 2nd Tillman, Unanimous.