

SOUTHWEST HARBOR WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

July 20, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall

4:00 PM.

Trustees; Ralph Dunbar, Marilyn Lowell, Ken Minier, William Tillman
Manager; Steven Kenney.

Meeting called to Order: 4:00 PM

Vice Chair; In Lee Worcester's absence, Ralph Dunbar ran the meeting as he is Co-Chairman.

June Minutes;

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

Financials;

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

2nd Quarter Commitments;

Motion by Tillman to accept the 2nd Quarter Commitments as written, 2nd by Minier, all in favor

Warrants 88 & 88A and June Payroll;

Motions by Lowell to approve the Warrant 88 & 88A, 2nd by Tillman. Unanimous.

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

Project Updates;

Phone Tower; manager reported to the Board Verizon Wireless was interested in securing a lease for a new antenna at the Standpipe Lot. The Board was in favor of concept of leasing the property, though hesitant the Town would vote in favor of a 100' tower, and asked the Manager to look into the particulars and have Verizon come to our next meeting.

WWTP;

The Manager reported that the one and only WWTP bid came in \$8m over budget, at \$25m. He also reported that the Engineers and himself are in the process of negotiating price savings with the contractor and trying to secure additional funds from Federal and State agencies. Once cuts are explored and additional funding secured, the Board can determine the next steps to take to move forward on signing the bid as there is no sense in rebidding since there are only 3 companies in the North East that provide these types of services and the other 2 clearly do not want to bid on this project.

Dirigo Ave;

The Manager reported that a private project to bring sewer and water up and down Dirigo, (respectively), will be underway this fall and suggested to the Board this would be an opportune time to loop and extend some of our service lines on this road. The Board agreed and a motion was made by Minier, 2nd by Tillman, to have the Manager pursue funding and engineering for the Districts needs to complete this project.

Employees;

The Manager reported difficulties he was having with Workers Comp and getting reimbursements for his time out and injuries through Workers Comp. Workers Comp suggested a Board member contact them, Ms. Lowell volunteered to contact them.

Next meeting; Thursday, August 17, 2023. Minier stated he would be absent for this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 4:40 PM, motion by Lowell, 2nd Tillman, Unanimous.