

**BRANDON BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 22, 2015**

NOTE: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and / or approval at the subsequent board meeting.

In Attendance: Tracy Wyman, Seth Hopkins, Devon Fuller, Ethan Swift

Also in Attendance: Dave Atherton, Sue Gage

1) Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 8:41 pm.

a) Agenda Adoption - Motion by Fuller / Swift to adopt the agenda as printed. **Passed unanimously.**

2) Minutes - Motion by Fuller / Wyman to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 Board of Sewer Commissioners meeting. **Passed 3-0 with one abstention (Swift - absent for the meeting).**

3) Consider FY 15/16 Budget for Wastewater

Motion by Fuller / Swift to to approve the Wastewater FY 15/16 budget as submitted.

Dave Atherton said there is no recommendation to increase sewer fees at this time. The budget has changed to be more explanatory. Atherton said the system is very old, built in 1960. Upgrades will be needed soon and the Champlain Street pump station might soon fail. He said this has been discussed for years. There will be significant costs and he wants to make sure there is money for improvements. Sewer fees were increased last year.

There was discussion on the presentation of the budget numbers and the absence of some numbers on the paperwork. Town Treasurer Sue Gage explained the numbers and said she thinks the account will be in the black at the end of the year. She said there needs to be money rolled into the improvement fund. In the past, when the fund has been in the red, it was covered from the general fund. Gage said the fund has to stand on its own. It is an enterprise fund. The general fund can't support it anymore. There was discussion on the history of the fund and money going back and forth from the general fund. Atherton said in order to do upgrades and assess fees properly, it needs to stand on its own. The budget was developed with help from Sue Gage, Dave Atherton, Steve Cijka, Anna Scheck, and Daryl Burlett.

Richard Baker said the new connection fee is \$2.79 per gallon and was established in 1991. It is very low compared to surrounding communities. Seth Hopkins asked Atherton to take that under advisement and come back with a proposal. Baker said the news fees are in the capital reserve, not the budget. Baker also said we should be collecting the fee when the application is approved, not when the house is ready to be sold. Atherton said that has changed.

Gage said there are some old amounts on the books that are incurring interest that will have to be abated. It related to some of the mobile home parks.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment - Motion by Swift / Wyman to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm. **Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted

Janet Mondlak