

Town of Westerlo
Water Board
Westerlo, New York
Water Board Meeting Minutes
Date: October 8, 2020

Location: Westerlo Town Hall, Westerlo, New York

Board Members Present: Chairperson Jim Loux, Bill Slaver, Kelley Keefe, Town Supervisor and Past Chairperson Bill Bichteman

Chairperson Jim Loux called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 14, 2019 meeting. Bill Slaver made the motion to accept the minutes; Jim Loux seconded the motion, Kelley Keefe abstained.

AYE: Bill Bichteman, Bill Slaver, Jim Loux

NAYE: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

First Item: Board composition and responsibilities review: Bill Bichteman reviewed for the benefit of all Water Board Members.

Second Item: 2021 Budget & Rate Schedule Changes: There are 90 total properties in the district with 87 paying properties. 2 are exempt (Library, Museum) and 1 AC Resolution 465.

Proposing a \$2.21/1000 gal. increase in rate for 2021. The new rate would be \$22.68/1000 gal. Bill Bichteman will make recommendation to town board the annual fee of \$321.84 per dwelling unit. Bill Bichteman has asked the town board to set aside the current fund balance in the Water District Account for the remediation of the Bromomethane. Grant would be from the Revolving Fund and the remediation would cost around \$20,000.00, with us coming up with half. Jim Loux made motion to make recommendation to board; Bill Slaver seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

AYE: Kelley Keefe, Jim Loux, Bill Slaver

NAYE: None

Third Item: Annual Bid for Emergency Repair Services. Kelley Keefe made the motion to rebid the service contract. Second by Bill Slaver. All Members present in favor.

AYE: Kelley Keefe, Jim Loux, Bill Slaver

NAYE: None

Fourth Item: Results of Hydrant Repairs. Bill Bichteman reported that all have been repaired. Last year we had to buy a seat removal tool.

Fifth Item: Water System Operator Options: The Town is reluctant to accept the responsibilities which include:

Daily testing

Quarterly meter readings

Maintaining chlorination system

Flushing lines and maintenance of system and hydrants.

Bill Bichteman has talked to Jim about becoming trained and tested for certification to test the water. A Class C operators license is required as well as 6 months under a licensed operator. Doug Story has agreed to stay on under a reduced rate. The whole process would take about a year. The salary would be the same and split between the 2 men. Bill Slaver made the motion to approve the \$400 expense for the training for Jim Loux to become Water System Operator. Second by Kelley Keefe. All members present in favor.

AYE: Kelley Keefe, Jim Loux, Bill Slaver

NAYE: None

Sixth Item: District Resident Grievances: None

Seventh Item: Comments/Privilege of the Floor: Allan Clickman asked about the Board purchasing the aerator needed to remedy the Bromomethane issue. Bill Bichteman explained that we are still waiting on potential grants.

Kelley Keefe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm; Bill Slaver seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley Keefe

Water Board Member