



Village of Wells River
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March 7. 2024

Trustee Meeting

Call to order 4PM

Present Chip Conquest, Mike Thomas, Jean Welch, Mary Schilke, John Kiernan, Shannon Young, Jason Winchester

Approve Agenda - Approve by Jean seconded by Mike all in favor.

Approve and accept minutes of Feb 15, 2024 - Jean made motion to accept Mike Seconded. All in Favor

Water & Sewer - Water and Sewer Rates Increase (Brief Recap) – John Kiernan, Mike and Chip met with Kevin Sheton and Paul Kidder. Short version is they will come to an agreement to have us pay for the sewage cost for the amount of water we pump into the system and not the actual amount being pumped over. In light of this water and sewer will be looking into an increase of rates. They discussed how rates were calculated; it was determined they had been adding an inflationary increase into our fees. Our agreement is that rate increases are done by mutual agreement, and we do not have any letter to inform us of this. The rate schedule on the lawsuit determined in 2018 does not cover the high flow we have right now. There will be further analysis of the water and sewer rates. We need to set a time very soon to do this analysis. Woodsville wants a written proposal to tell them how we are going to pay the bill. Mike made the motion Chip writes the agreement for Woodsville Water and light for a payment structure. Jean Seconded all in Favor.

John says timewise that we would target for the second Quarter bills to reflect an increase. The April 4th Agenda will be do rate setting.

The manhole out near Mike Thomas house has a leak and should be done ASAP. Jason was asked to relay that to Jeff.



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Mike has been in contact with Jeff McMan – re grants for sewer repair.

Penny Lezer - died last week what do we do about her water. Shannon said we should contact her daughter Robin at the mini-Mart.

Mary was asked to follow through on the Homchick bill

Highway – Reminder to clean Garage for Annual meeting - Was asked to have cleaned by the 18th.

Complaints re non removal of snow piles – Shannon was told in future they need to be removed. As per our agreement with Shannon the pile is needed to be removed within 24 hours.

Shannon asked – J eff asked him to fill in a hole with cold Patch. Shannon does not know where this is. Chip told him to ask for clarification.

Emergency Contact for Dig Safe – Jason Winchester will call and ask.

Tuttle Parking signs are missing we will check with the bank.

Jean asked Shannon to re-check the crack on Schaeffer Hill. Shannon says he might have forgotten to do it. Shannon was asked to create a binder with the log.

**Financials – Annual Book is done and will be distributed tomorrow.
Homchick past bills will be collated and sent to Frank Lapham ASAP
TRORC Capital Budgeting grant will be done soon.**

Misc: Letter for Tax Abatement - Re Goodrich Property. Trustees will delve into this and discuss it at a meeting on April 21st.

Public Comments: none

Meeting Adjourned: 5:10pm Adjourn Meeting