

WBYC WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

November 18, 2019

Regular Meeting

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WORDEN BALLANTINE
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

The meeting was called to order on Nov. 18, 2019 at 7:00 P. M. by Pres. Gary Foss. Members in attendance Dan Ewen, Judy Becker and Gary Fredericks. Regular meeting date was on a holiday.

Also present: Rick Coyle, Sandra Kust, Don Dvorak & Dan Krum. Members of the public are listed on an attached page, with the official minutes.

A motion by Dan Ewen and seconded by Gary Fredericks to approve the minutes of the Oct. 14, 2019 meetings, with one correction. Phyllis Foss had questioned some expenses over a five year period. This was approved four to zero.

Delegations: Scott Schmidt questioned his latest bill, because the water showed an increase of 3,000 gallons. The board said it would take this under review and get back to Mr. Schmidt. Tim Brady had disconnected from the District water system and had hooked up to his well. He had threatened Rick, Sandra and Dan K. , saying he was going to call the Sheriff, if we didn't leave, during a visit in the month. He has since re-hooked up, because his well water was not drinkable and he apologized, several times, for what he had done. He had also put in a reverse osmosis system. Aaron Larson reported he can't drink the water or take a shower because the chlorine was making his skin dry. He did raise his voice, but finally calmed down and said he was only going to pay a portion of his bill. The board informed him that he needed to pay the bill in full or his water would be shut off. He finally agreed to pay his bill, as he only gets billed for the water used. Curt Arney stated he owned land behind Lance Taylor on N. 15th Rd and wanted to hook-up to the District sewer. He is about 200' from the sewer line. He was told to bring in plan and application and the Board would review and give him their decision and cost. Amber McLaughlin wanted to know how the water quality was and was told the Nitrates are down below 6.0. She told the Board that she would help deliver water, if needed. Dan Vogel was in attendance and wanted to know if there was any flack from people other than what was on Facebook. He felt the Board was doing what is necessary to get improvements in the system. There was a suggestion of putting out a newsletter and everyone thought that would be a good idea. Sandra Kust said she would work on that.

Correspondence: Womack Machine is donating \$1,000.00 to Dave Rich, for the use of his van for storing bottled water, for the District. Gary Fredericks moved, Dan Ewen seconded the motion to reimburse Dave Rich for any fuel that was used, in his van, to keep the water at room temperature or lower. There was some heated discussion on this motion, but eventually passed 3-1.

A motion by Dan Ewen and seconded by Gary Fredericks to approve the expenses, as presented, was approved unanimously.

Operator's Report: Operator reports from Rick, Don and Sandra are on file. Rick Coyle's vacation time was approved from No. 20, 2019 thru January 3, 2020.

Bookkeepers Report: The Net Income for October was \$14,217.13 and for the year \$131,086.13. The expenses were higher due to supplies, payroll and testing bills.

Old Business: 1. Waudby water shut off was not completed. Need to get together with Brandin and then go visit Mr. Waudby. 2. The district website is up and the online bill paying is being pursued. 3. Fire Hydrants are waiting for Fire Dept. action. 4. Checking meters on pumps for leak detection was done and no leaks were found. Tim Ley checked the Ballantine water meter and it showed 48 gallons per minute and the actual meter showed 118 gallons per minute. 5. The confidentiality Agreement has not been sign by Rick or Sandra. Gary Fredericks said he would get them a copy to sign. 6. Sandra and Rick had worked on the Clear Wells valve to exercise it and after some work they were successful. Gary Foss thought the contamination was in the clear wells and Rick and Don said it was in the collection area. 7. Generator availability was discussed and TWE had sent a proposal for a new generator for over \$19,000.00. Dan Ewen will check with Laurel Power to see about a contract extension with them.