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Rockland Sewer Commissioners Meeting
March 18, 2021

In Attendance: Walter Simmons, Charles Heshion, David Taylor, Robyn Day, Elizabeth Zaleski, Doug Lapp and Chris Kenny

Motion made by Chuck Heshion, 2nd by Walter Simmons, to begin the meeting at 4:00 pm. All in favor 2-0.

Introductory Remarks

Walter Simmons, Chairman.

Enterprise Fund / Stabilization Fund (vote)

Article 6 – Establish an Enterprise Fund.

Article 7 – Establish a Sewer Stabilization Fund.

Under Title 7, Chapter 40, 5B there is a statement that concerns Chuck. It states that the purpose of a stabilization fund may at any time later be changed. Biz explains that for that to happen, the legislative body would have to vote on it at town meeting.

There were (2) articles regarding the Stabilization Fund. The 1st article (Article 7) was to create the Stabilization Fund and the 2nd (Article 40) was to fund the stabilization fund.

Motion made by Chuck Heshion , 2nd by Walter Simmons, to establish the Sewer Enterprise fund (Article #6). All in favor 2-0.

Motion made by Chuck Heshion to deny the establishment of the Sewer Stabilization fund (Article #7). All in favor 1-1. Not approved.

Funding for Stabilization Fund (Article 40) is moot. Further discussion on the Sewer Stabilization Fund is tabled.

Articles (vote)

Article 39 – Operating Budget.

Motion made by Chuck Heshion, 2nd by Walter Simmons to approve the budget as presented. All in favor 2-0.

Article 40 - to fund the Stabilization Fund.

With no establishment of the Stabilization Fund, this Article is not necessary.

Article 41 - to appropriate \$300,000 for a Sewer System Evaluation Study/Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.

Motion made by Chuck Heshion, 2nd by Walter Simmons to approve the \$300,000. All in favor 2-0.

Article 42 – to take \$100,000. from the Sewer Department Unreserved Fund Balance to fund the repair and/or replacement of system pumps and injector stations.

Motion made by Chuck Heshion, 2nd by Walter Simmons to approve the \$100,000. All in favor 2-0.

Article 43 – to take \$100,000. from the Sewer Department Unreserved Fund Balance to fund the on-going I&I program.

Motion made by Chuck Heshion, 2nd by Walter Simmons to approve the \$100,000. All in favor 2-0.

Superintendent Candidates (vote)

After a brief discussion, the Commissioners cannot agree on a candidate to move forward with.

Motion made by Chuck Heshion, 2nd by Walter Simmons to table the discussion until March 25 meeting. All in favor 2-0.

Chuck asks to add EPA documentation requests to the next meeting agenda.

Motion made by Chuck Heshion, 2nd by Walter Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 pm. All in favor 2-0.

These minutes are a brief synopsis of discussions that occurred during the meeting. For more in-depth information, please refer to the meeting video on <https://www.youtube.com/WRPSRockland>