

ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING
NEW SHOREHAM SEWER DISTRICT
June 28, 2010 Minutes

Present were Sewer Commissioners Wayne Battey, Tom Doyle, Sandra Finizia, Peter Mc Nerney, alternates Frank Leslie and Rally Migliaccio, and District Clerk Janet Ziegler.
Absent was member Cliff McGinnes; alternate F. Leslie will vote.

Also present were Public Works Director Nancy Dodge, Finance Director Amy Lewis, Superintendent Ray Boucher, Counsel Elliot Taubman and Canvasser Terri Chmiel.

S. Finizia called the Annual meeting to order at 4:34 PM and stated that the proposed sewer budget for FY 2011 included costs to maintain, repair and operate the sewer collection system and treatment plant, including reasonable reserves for such purposes and for renewals and replacements.

Notice of the Sewer District's Annual Financial Meeting and Eligibility of Voters was posted May 12 and in weekly issues of the Block Island Times newspaper. The proposed budget was reviewed on May 4, May 17 and June 7. The Annual Financial Meeting was postponed on June 7 from June 21 to June 28 in order to have the proposed FY 2011 Sewer Budget publically posted for three weeks. Copies of the proposed budget were available at the Town Hall, Island Free Library and Sewer District's Office during regular business hours.

Attorney E. Taubman announced that ten (10) electors would make a quorum of the Sewer District; T. Chmiel canvassed the public as they arrived. The Sewer Financials as of April 30, 2010 were made available to the public at the meeting.

Fifteen (15) electors of the New Shoreham Sewer District registered at the meeting to vote.

Line items of revenues, operating expenditures and capital budgets were reviewed by A. Land. Stating that sewer has been operating at a loss for the last two years, the posted budget had a 9.5 % increase in use rates. Two adjustments have been made since the last meeting: user revenues were reduced by \$10.6K by raising use rates only by 7.9%; this was offset in the benefit line when an employee volunteered to switch from a family to single plan. However, A. Land suggested that a higher rate increase would allow funding for reserves and capital projects.

MOTION: by elector S. Draper to increase the use rate 9.5% across the board in order to enable sewer to recharge its reserves to an acceptable level and stabilize the budget. A. Land spoke in favor of the motion stated that the proposed budget was actually too lean. The motion was seconded; a quorum of electors was present and the vote for 9.5% was:

AYE: (6) NAY: (6) ABSTAIN: (3)

The motion was defeated.

MOTION: by elector B. Marthens to splits the difference between the two rates and raise use fees by 8.7% with continued oversight of expenditures and that the difference be put into contingency expenditures. The motion was seconded, a quorum of Sewer District voters was present and the vote for 8.7% was:

AYE: (11) NAY: (1) ABSTAIN: (3)

The motion was carried.

MOTION: by elector P. Mc Nerney to adopt the FY 2011 Sewer Budget as amended to \$1,326,479. The motion was seconded. A quorum of Sewer District voters was present and the vote to adopt the amended budget was:

AYE: (8) NAY: (0) ABSTAIN: (7)

The motion carried.

S. Finizia called for a motion from the Sewer Commission to fund the budget as amended by adopting a Schedule of Fees and Charges.

MOTION: by Sewer Commissioner T. Doyle to adopt the 'Schedule of Sewer Fees and Charges' effective July 1, noting that changes from the previous year were made to the quarterly use fees and to the Septage/Boat Pump-outs charge. The motion was seconded. A quorum of Sewer Commissioners was present and the vote to adopt the Schedule was:

AYE: 4 (Battey, Doyle, Finizia, Lesley). NAY: 1 (MCNERNEY) ABSTAIN: Ø. .

The motion carried.

Adjourn.

MOTION: by P. McNerney to adjourn the Sewer District's Annual Financial Meeting. The motion was seconded, a quorum was present and the vote was unanimously approved by all Sewer Commissioners present.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Ziegler, District Clerk
Approved: July 19, 2010



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