

**NEW SHOREHAM SEWER COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

May 31, 2010 Minutes

Present were Sewer Commission members Tom Doyle, Cliff McGinnes, alternates Frank Leslie and Rally Migliaccio, District Clerk Janet Ziegler.

Absent were members Sandra Finizia and Peter McNerney.

Also present were Finance Director Amy Lewis, Sewer Superintendent Ray Boucher.

Absent were Public Works Director Nancy Dodge and Attorney Elliot Taubman.

C. McGinnes called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM

1. PUBLIC HEARING. Adopt for Posting: Fiscal Year 2011 Budget.

E. Taubman stated that the proposed budgets was required to be publicly posted three-weeks before the Annual Financial meeting and that it was decided to call meeting today, on Memorial Day, to meet the deadline for a June 21 Financial meeting and stated that there was nothing legally that says the Commission cannot meet on a holiday.

Objections to the meeting from sewer users included calling for a meeting on a Federal Holiday, the Town Hall location was a public building officially advertised as closed and that the holiday weekend make it impossible for large users to attend.

E. Taubman said that the previous May 18 meeting, held at 1PM instead of 4PM as publically announced, was likely illegal. However the meeting today was properly noticed, was posted in the BI Times and the Open Meeting Law does not say that you cannot hold a public meeting on a holiday.

There were several requests from users to postpone the budget review for a week in order to accommodate the sewer business users and to hold future meetings at Town Hall which was compliant for the hearing impaired.

MOTION: by T. Doyle to adjourn the meeting and reschedule the Public Hearing on the proposed Sewer Budget for June 7 at 4:30PM in Town Hall. The motion was seconded, a quorum was present and the vote for June 7 was:

SEWER AYE: 4 (Doyle, Leslie, McGinnes, Migliaccio). NAY: Ø. ABSTAIN: Ø.

The motion carried.

MOTION: R. Migliaccio to appoint T. Doyle as Pro-Tem Sewer Chair to conduct that section of the June 7 meeting.

The Sewer Chair position is vacant and the Vice-Chair will be absent. The motion was seconded, a quorum was present and the vote to appoint was:

SEWER AYE: 4 (Doyle, Leslie, McGinnes, Migliaccio). NAY: Ø. ABSTAIN: Ø.

The motion carried.

MOTION: by C. McGinnes to adjourn the meeting was seconded; a quorum was present and the vote to adjourn was approved unanimously by all members present.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ziegler

District Clerk Approved: June 21, 2010



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