

Rosendale Water and Sewer Commissioners Meeting
February 24, 2020

Commissioners: Jack Snyder, Lori Graham, Robert M. Smith

Others: Superintendent Chris Jaeger, Supervisor Jeanne Walsh

A motion by Commissioner Lori Graham to accept the October 2019 minutes; motion was seconded by Commissioner Jack Snyder. All Commissioners were in favor.

Supervisor Jeanne Walsh came to this month's meeting to let the Commission know that they did hire a consulting firm that does bring in their own staff to work the three districts; we are still sharing the running of the High Falls Water district with Marbletown, and we still have Roy on our payroll. At this time we have three employees from the consulting company, and Roy. Supervisor Walsh also informed the Board that Terry Johnson did help with the transition process when the consulting company took over. Chris Jaeger who is from the consulting company stated that Terry Johnson has been terrific and was very helpful; he has done a terrific job for a lot years for this Town. Supervisor Walsh stated to the Commission that the company we hired is Environmental Consultants; Supervisor Walsh then asked each of the members to introduce themselves to Chris Jaeger, who is one of the employees from Environmental Consultants and the new superintendent. Supervisor Walsh also told the Commission that Joe Manner retired a few weeks before Terry did, so there have been some big changes in the Water and Sewer Department. Supervisor Walsh stated that she is going to make a few other little changes. Supervisor Walsh is hoping she can change some of the code, in the way book is written in code, there are a lot of things that you have to follow that you cannot change by resolution. She like to see us identify things that we have concerns about and have them changed by a resolution? Supervisor Walsh then gave the Commission an example of what she means. Supervisor Walsh said one of things in the code stated that this Commission has a monthly meeting; she would like to see it changed to a quarterly meeting. High Falls Water Commission has a quarterly meeting; their meetings are January, April, July and October on a Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. If this Commission could have a meeting after or before High Falls meeting we could have Chris here for both meeting, and we have bought everyone together, and maybe we could have Terry come to the meetings to talk about the projects that are going on. Supervisor Walsh asked the Commission if they are okay with this. The Commission stated that they are okay with changing the meeting to a quarterly meeting. Commissioner Lori Graham stated if something urgent came up we could call a special meeting if needed. Supervisor Walsh said yes. Supervisor Walsh stated that if this is okay with having a quarterly meeting, a motion or recommendation needs to be made by this. A motion by Commissioner Mike Smith to change the Water and Sewer Commissioners meeting to a quarterly meeting, which will be held on a fourth Tuesday in January, April, July and October that coincides with the High Falls Water Commissioners meetings; held in Room M15 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Jack Snyder. All Commissioners are in favor of this motion.

Special projects: Supervisor Walsh would like to update the Commission on the special projects. The first project she would like to talk about is the water storage tank. She is not sure how updated you are on the water district building a new water tower, and if Terry Johnson had mentioned to this about purchasing a piece of property from St. Peters. Supervisor Walsh stated that she and Terry met with St Peters to talk about purchasing the lot next to the cemetery. Supervisor Walsh stated that she did get a response from Father Burke and from the Archdiocese; they have agreed sell us the property for \$25,000. By purchasing this property it will save the district of \$3,500,000, because we will not have to put up a temporary tank. Supervisor Walsh stated that she just came back from the attending the Associates of Towns meeting and she is reaching out to another funding source to get money for the water tower, because it was not part of the original plan. She can not promise that we will get it, but she did talk to Barton and Loguidice our engineering firm if we can go after some CFA money, she would like to see; because now we will be building a tower instead of repairing a tower it is eligible for different funding. If we can she will get it, but because we have borrowed and have gotten grants, we may be maxed out. Supervisor Walsh then explained where the new water tower will go on the property. She also stated that the St. Peters Cemetery will get a new hook-up and free water, so they will not be paying for the water. A short discussion followed on the new water tower project. The second project is a generator for Lower James Street she then explained what has been done and what still needs to be done: the project is almost finished. The third is the sewer plant; Supervisor Walsh told the Commission what is happening with that project. A short discussion followed. Supervisor Walsh also informed that the High Falls Water District will be having another shut down in the spring; about five weeks and another ten weeks in October. During these shut downs Rosendale Water District will continue to sell water to the High Falls Water District. Commissioner Lori Graham asked about the new meter and if everyone in district has a new meter. Supervisor Walsh stated that there are little over hundred customers that still do not have the new meter installed. A letter will be going out to the customers that still do not have a new meter. The letter will say that if the new meter is not installed by the dated given in the letter a \$75.00 meter reading charges will be added on their quarterly bills until a new meter is installed.

Chris Jaeger: Chris Jaeger Superintendent from Environmental Consultants then told the Commission that things are going pretty good, but they are still finding their way. Roy has been very helpful with this transition. Chris mentioned that they have had a handful of call outs for the sewer plant. He then explained the issues that they had at the sewer plant, and how they corrected it for now. Chris also stated that they have had some communication failures on the water plant; he explained what they are doing to correct the problem. A short discussion followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Robert Smith; motion was seconded by Commissioner Lori Graham. All Commissioners were in favor of motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 28, 2020 in Room M15 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theresa Heinitz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Theresa Heinitz