

Town of Hillsborough Water & Sewer Commission
August 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Peter Mellen, Chris Sieg and Dave Lewis; and, Penny Griffin, Administrator.

The group reviewed the recent notice from OSRAM regarding a violation of their Industrial User permit (IUP) copper limits. It was noted that OSRAM reported that as of 8/8/2021 they have routed the nitrogen farm compressor condensate to the onsite evaporator and will discontinue discharging the nitrogen farm condensate to the POTW as they believe that is the cause of the exceedance.

The topic of breweries and wastewater was discussed as the recently released July 29, 2021, minutes of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) mentioned that a brewery may be interested in establishing a facility in Hillsborough. Wastewater Operator Paul Dutton had previously attended training on the subject and had reported that it's not the amount of wastewater discharged to the wastewater system that's problematic; it's all the "stuff" mixed into it. A typical microbrewery can discharge wastewater with an organic load equal to 100 or more homes. Such concentrations aren't hazardous, but they can put a significant strain on a municipal treatment plant. All agreed that it is important to provide educational information to the planner regarding what may be required for a brewery to hook to the wastewater system. Commissioner Peter Mellen will meet with Robyn Payson, Hillsborough Planner to discuss the topic. Commissioner Dave Lewis pointed out that an escrow from the developer(s) would be needed to fund our consultant to review an application.

Administrator Penny Griffin reported that all deadlines within the agreement with Weatherstone regarding the Antrim Road property will expire on September 21, 2021. Penny Griffin will contact Attorney Greg Michaels to discuss the appropriate actions to take to conclude the agreement and return remaining escrow account funds.

A notice to customers regarding the September 2–3 West Main/Church Street water valve replacement project that will require water service interruption was reviewed. The notice was approved by the Commissioners and will be sent to each property owner with water service with their bills and also be posted on the Town bulletin boards and website.

A letter to property owners with sewer services connected to the sewer main in Brown Street was reviewed. The letter is being sent to educate the property owners and people residing in the homes about the perils of dumping grease and other foreign matter down the drains as the sewer main on Brown Street recently had a significant blockage that resulted in sewage backing up into the basement of one of the properties. The letter was approved and will be sent out.

A conversation was held regarding the current on-call procedure. No changes were made. However, a letter will be sent to local contractors and plumbers to advise them to stop calling water and sewer employees directly on their cell phones and to follow the procedure of contacting Hillsborough dispatch with after-hours requests so we can provide the most efficient service for each call.

Commissioner Peter Mellen reported to the group that water operator, Cody Boisvert,

had received a call from NHDES on August 6, 2021, regarding a resident of Hillsborough with Legionnaires' disease. Cody Boisvert provided NHDES with information and support through Friday evening. Since that time there has been no other contact with NHDES on this topic.

The Commissioners reviewed and authorized the following:

- 2021 AP Vouchers #14 W=\$1,863.03 S=\$15,505.42
- 7/28/2021 Meeting Minutes
- Timecards
- 2021 3rd Issue Billing Warrants Water H - \$194,073.01, Water D - \$4,916.12, Sewer - \$216,078.43

Commissioner Chris Sieg motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dave Lewis seconded the motioned.

All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Griffin, Administrator

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Approved by:

Date:

Peter Mellen

Chris Sieg

Dave Lewis
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