



Village of New Minas

Water Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 28, 2018; 7:00 p.m.
Commission Room, Louis Millett Community Complex

Commissioners Present:

Chair, Maynard Stevens
Village Commissioner, James Redmond
Citizen Member, Scott Crowell

Staff Present:

April Ernest, Clerk Treasurer
Gerard Hamilton, Municipal Operations Manager
Greg Messom, Water Systems Operator
Krista McDonald, Deputy Clerk

Others Present:

Village Commissioner, Ken Pineo
Village Commissioner, Mary Munroe
County Councillor, Jim Winsor
Ken Barrett

Absent:

Village Commissioner, Dave Chaulk

Call to Order:

Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcoming those in attendance.

Agenda:

Redmond-Crowell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Redmond-Crowell

THAT the minutes of the January 24, 2018 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes:

- a) Correspondence Ken Barrett – February 28, 2018
A letter was circulated that summarized Mr. Barrett's January 24th presentation to the Water Commission.
- b) Technical Report on Ken Barrett's Proposal

A revised report was circulated that summarized the Village's technical concerns regarding Mr. Barrett's proposal.

c) Correspondence Ken Barrett – March 21, 2018

A letter was circulated that addressed the concerns of the report including remediation and updates.

A discussion was held regarding the information contained in the presentation and subsequent reports. Mrs. Ernest updated that more information is required and will be presented.

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THAT the correspondence from March 21st be sent back for further information and report.

CARRIED

Water Department Report:

Gerard Hamilton presented the Departmental Monthly Report.

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THAT the staff report presented by Gerard Hamilton be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

A discussion followed about de-commissioning the Towers well due to high salt content.

New Business:

a) Greenwich Fire Department Request

A request from the Chief David Miller of the Greenwich Fire Department was circulated. They are requesting extending the hydrant system further into Greenwich. This is a county issue and it was suggested that Chief Miller approach the county to see if funding is available.

b) Citizen Member Applications

Two applications were received for the vacant citizen member seat on the Water Commission.

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THAT the Water Commission designate Bruce MacArthur as the citizen member.

CARRIED

c) UARB Complaint and Decision

A recent UARB complaint and decision was circulated. Mrs. Ernest pointed out that the regulations are outdated and that a rate study is needed.

d) Draft Capital Budget

A draft of capital items was circulated for information purposes. At the next meeting the proposed operating budget should be available.

Public Discussion Period:

Mary Munroe asked about potential health issues stemming from the use of the radio frequency boxes. It was decided that staff needed to gather more information on the topic.

Commissioner Munroe then inquired about radon testing. Gerard Hamilton pointed out that radon testing is not required for water.

Greg Messom discussed setting up a test well to the east.

Adjournment:

Redmond

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Maynard Stevens, Chair

April Ernest, Clerk Treasurer