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ABATEMENT BOARD**

Minutes of the North Branch Fire District #1, Board of Abatement, August 30, 2023.

This Meeting, having been duly Warned, was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Steve Montello.

Members Present: Steve Montello, Scott Stein, Bob Stone and Ken Westby.

Also Present: Deana Covieo-Clarke and Lyman Cooper. Attending via Zoom was William Peruso, Wayne Brown, and Raymond Rea.

Stone moved to nominate Steve Montello to Chair the meeting. Seconded by Westby. Passed unanimously.

Minutes: Stone moved to approve the Minutes of December 21,2022, as submitted. Seconded by Stein. Passed unanimously.

BX008 Stone: Westby moved to credit the account \$344.07 for the outside water leak from March 15-19, 2023. Seconded by Stein. Stone abstained. Motion passed.

RT057b Peruso: No action will be made until North Branch's attorney is consulted, since ownership has changed recently and confirmation that all water is running through the existing meter. Customer will be notified as soon as possible and does not need to continue until the next abatement hearing.

BX046 Brown: Westby made a motion to abate all charges except the minimum charge of \$115.00 due to the broken water pipes from November 22-25. Seconded by Stone. Motion passed.

HL033 Rea: Stein made a motion to abate all sewer charges except \$1574.47 and half of the penalty and interest charges due to the incapacitation of the current owner, who was not able to pay the bill. Raymond Rea (brother of the owner) will pay the total of \$2,028.55. Seconded by Stone. Motion passed.

SG002c Meduski: Westby made a motion to abate \$280.56 for the amounts paid over the minimum, as it had been verified that the water had been shut off since 2011. Seconded by Stone. Motion passed.

SU021 Zaidel: No action. Customer was billed the minimum charge, even with a broken pipe and leak of 3749 gallons.

PA030 Hayde: Westby made a motion to credit the account for \$706.93, which was the difference between the minimum bill and the estimated charges, since a two-year history has been established and a history of minimum usage. Seconded by Stein. Motion passed.

PA033 Messina: Stone made a motion to credit the account \$168.67 for a leak of 6731 gallons that did not come to the plant. Seconded by Westby. Motion passed.

TC203 Manzer: Customer attended a regular Prudential Committee meeting to discuss the excessive use charges he was billed. He stated that the “penalty seems not in the spirit it was intended.” The PC requested he continue with the abatement board. No action was taken.

RT026X West Dover Congregational Church: Westby made a motion to credit the account \$35.08 for a leak of 1,400 gallons, that occurred from February 3-5 and did not come to the plant. Seconded by Stein. Motion passed.

Montello adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Helen Krzeminski
Administration

Posted: North Branch Fire District# 1, Wastewater Treatment Facility building and Administration’s building. Dover Town Office and www.northbranchfiredistrict.com.