

Groveland Water & Sewer Commissioners' Rate Hearing Approved Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2022

Attending: Commissioner Bill Dunn, Commissioner Terry Grim, and Selectperson Kathy Kastrinelis

Superintendent: Colin Stokes

Office Manager: Heather Torres

Guests: None

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Commissioner Terry Grim made a motion to open the meeting at 4:32pm. Seconded by Selectperson Kathy Kastrinelis. All were in favor.

Superintendent Colin Stokes greeted the new commissioners and gave an overview of how historically the rates are set to collect the budget. Rates are set based on the lowest pumping year in the last 10 years. He explained that unused money goes into retained earnings and can be used for future sewer projects. Currently it costs an estimated one million dollars for one mile of water main. Brief discussion regarding sewer betterments.

Brief discussion regarding Bill Daley's sewer line project. The new sewer line will run across the rail trail, the plastics company, and can pick up the university streets.

Selectperson Kathy Kastrinelis stated south Groveland connecting to town sewer would be better for the environment.

Commissioner Bill Dunn would like to pick up south Groveland. Some areas will need to be pumped to sewer but they will be able to connect.

Commissioner Terry Grim would like to discuss expanding sewer over the next few years.

Commissioner Terry Grim stating minimum sewer rates are increasing 25%.

Superintendent Colin Stokes stated sewer rates had not been increased in 2019 or 2020.

Selectperson Kathy Kastrinelis asked how our proposed rates compare to surrounding towns.

Superintendent Colin Stokes stated the rate study revealed our rates are significantly lower than the average.

Commissioner Bill Dunn proposed sewer improvements once previous projects are paid off.

The Board of Commissioners would like to educate residents regarding a water treatment plant.

Commissioner Terry Grim made a motion to accept the sewer rates as proposed. Seconded by Commission Bill Dunn. All were in favor.

Commissioner Terry Grim would like to adjust tiers in the future to reduce consumption. Commissioner Terry Grim would also like to push education: low flow toilets, instant hot water, and bring in a plumber to educate residents. Commissioner Terry Grim would like the Board of Commissioners to have a proactive voice. Commissioner Bill Dunn would like the meetings televised on the local station.

Commissioner Terry Grim made a motion to close the meeting at 5:08PM. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Dunn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Torres