

**CITY OF PITTSVILLE
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson John Becker.

Members present: Duane Tritz, Dave Soderberg, Deana Becker and Jerry Jensen

Also present: Paul Veldman, Utility Director; Dale Nichols, Mayor; Mary O'Keefe

Motion by Jerry J. to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 meeting. Second by Deana B. There was a question about the car wash situation, and Paul stated that the meter is ready to be replaced as soon as things are fixed inside. Motion carried.

Mary O'Keefe was present to request a leak adjustment on her 1st quarter water/sewer bill (see attached). There was a large leak of more than 500,000 gallons which created a total bill of \$6,108.46. Mary asked if there was some alarm that goes off in the utility with excess water usage, but there isn't anything that would do that for an individual place. We don't find out water usage until the meter is read at the end of the quarter, and we had Jake go check as soon as the report came out showing the usage. Paul explained that the frost plate had frozen and broke on the meter (that was only measuring at 85% when tested). Since the water side of the bill is controlled by the PSC, they were contacted and questioned if there was any discount that could be offered for such an excessive amount of water. They said nothing could be done with the water portion as an exception at all unless it applied to all customers regardless of size of leak. We have to stick with our policy. The sewer portion, however, is controlled by the utility. The total of the sewer amount that could be taken off the bill is \$3,299.54 that would leave a balance due of \$2,808.92. With the PSC rules, the commission's hands are tied in what they are allowed to do. Motion by Duane T. to approve the leak adjustment request of Mary O'Keefe in the amount of \$3,299.54 off the sewer portion of the bill. Second by Jerry J. Motion carried.

Jerry J. said that Bonnie Cullen has an estimate for the sewer lateral repair. John B. would like to see 2 estimates since the commission is paying half of those repairs for her and the Bill Urban rental.

The difference between the water pumped and billed between 2016 and 2017 is still being investigated. Paul said they will soon start flushing and checking for pressure drops trying to find a leak. He would like to eliminate the possibility of a leak before looking into industry--which has been recycling more water than before. Their meters are tested and calibrated on the schedule dictated by the PSC.

The attached operational and quarterly pumpage reports were presented and discussed. Paul is waiting to hear from someone in Milladore to see if they can work together and get the EP100 and well 6 inspections done at the same time.

The mayor reported that the City is looking into seeking a different professional services company. There would be no objection from the commission to this.

Motion by Jerry J. to approve water vouchers #10195-10215 and sewer vouchers #6578-6592. Second by Deana B. Motion carried. Motion by Duane T. to adjourn. Second by Deana B. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

The commission would like to thank Duane Tritz, who is retiring, for his many years of dedicated service to the utility departments and the community.

Submitted by,
Sue Shute
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer