

Burns Utility Board
March 11, 2019 Minutes

The Burns Utility Board met in regular session on March 11, 2019. Members present were Board President Jim Clark, Board Members Jeff Appleman, Dennis Bastian, Ralph Bartels, and Judy Johnstone. Also present was Town Clerk Toni McNamar and Town Maintenance Ted Kellner and Darius Mandel, and Kari Clark.

At 6:00 pm Board President Jim Clark called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was preformed.

Approval of Minutes

Board Member Johnstone move to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting. Board Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Board Member Johnstone moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Board Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report:

The maintenance report was reviewed. Ted Kellner reported at the last meeting the level meter on the A-2 tower was not working correctly and he had asked to purchase another meter. Since then the level meter on the A-6 tower has also stopped working. Ted has a quote for the two meters of \$2312.00 and labor to get them installed was \$1965.00. Ted reported that we could save some on labor if we can catch them when they are in Torrington, they may possibly be here on Wed. Ted requested permission to spend \$4300 to fix this issue. Board Member Johnstone moved to get this fixed. Board Member Appleman seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Darius reported that he has taken the bac tee test on the A-3 well we should be able to put it on line when we get the results back.

Utility Board President Report:

Board President Clark discussed our ordinance regarding shutting off people for nonpayment on their account. President Clark states that it is legal to shut off their water as we have it in our ordinance and it is also stated on the signup sheet for utilities. Board Member Johnstone feels that we are within our legal right. Board President Clark reported that he had received a complaint from a resident that felt he was treated poorly by town employees. Board President Clark reported that he handled the situation.

The Board will review our current ordinance and make changes if needed; there was discussion on increasing the turn on fee once your service has been shut off. The town

employees do not feel that we should charge a higher fee to have water service turned back on. Board Member Appleman and Bastian was in agreement to not increase the turn on fee.

Board Member Reports:

Board Member Johnstone had nothing to report.

Board Member Bartels had nothing to report.

Board Member Bastian had nothing to report.

Board Member Appleman had nothing to report.

New business:

Board President Clark asked that the board meet a half hour earlier prior to the next meeting to discuss the ordinance regarding water shut offs. The Board will meet at 5:30pm to discuss this on April 8, 2019.

Approval of Vouchers

Board Member Johnstone moved to approve the vouchers. Board Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

At 6:40 pm Board Member Appleman moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the Burns Utility Board is scheduled for April 8, 2017 at 5:30 pm...

Board President Jim Clark

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar