

SOUTH ALBURGH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 18, 2016 6:30 PM
Alburgh Town Conference Room

Present: Prudential Committee Members Paul Hansen & John Fitzgerald
Admin Assistant Danielle James Choiniere

Guests: Alton Brusio

Meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM by Chair Paul Hansen.

AGENDA REVIEW/ADJUSTMENTS

Danielle wanted to relay a question/concern from a water user.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Fitzgerald motioned to approve the minutes of June 27, 2016. Paul Hansen seconded, all in favor. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S WARRANT

Richard Ernst, though away, provided a treasurer's report as of 7/15.

<u>People's United Bank</u>	\$56,060.82 (Operating Account)
	\$7,181.30 (Project Account)
	\$84,686.55 (Capital Fund)

John Fitzgerald motioned to pay the following bills totaling \$3980.30, seconded by Paul Hansen, all in favor. Motion carried.

\$3280.30 to Alburgh Village for sale of water from April 1-June 30

\$168 to Alburgh Village for sampling bottles

\$250 to Endyne Inc. for 6 month Lead & Copper Testing

\$42 to USPS for P.O. Box

\$240 to Alburgh Village for 8 water Turn Ons

WATER OR OPERATION ISSUES/ CORRESPONDANCE/ MISCELLANEOUS

Danielle forwarded a complaint from the owner of MN003 who said the ground near his water line has settled and water is collecting. The board said the Munson warranty is up August 14th and perhaps someone could go analyze the problem before the warranty expiration.

The board is continuing to eyeball the usage of WS359.

Lead/Copper Results: The district received its 6-month results. Lead levels looked to be within acceptable levels, but two locations had elevated copper. All subjects who had their water tested will be receiving a copy of the results. Alton Brusio said some results can be skewed by sitting water and time of sampling.

The owner of WS185 could not attend the meeting but wanted to address the proposed increase of water and debt service rates. She asked about the discrepancy between the \$7.69 per 1,000 gallons the district proposes to charge for water rates compared to the amount it pays the Village for its water (\$3.73 per 1,000 gallons). The board explained it is

for an Administrative Assistant, a position previously done by a volunteer, and general increase of its general expenses, repairs, and other items found in the annual budget.

The debt service increase was largely to account for engineering charges. The board did say, however, that debt service rates should not increase after this proposed figure barring extraneous circumstances.

The second concern was it was understood, upon her sign on, the cost of water would not exceed \$1,000 a year and that the project would not happen if it was more than that. John Fitzgerald clarified that **debt service** would not be over \$1,000 a year, and he apologized if he may have been unclear.

Alton Brusco asked about the Village's significant hike in the rate it charges the district and Paul explained it was because he understood the Village was undercharging its water rates and was going in a deficit, but there were other factors as well.

Paul Hansen said the water rates would likely increase if/when the Village forges ahead on its water tower project. However, both water and debt services would decrease if more users joined the district.

DISTRICT EXPANSION

Tabled for the time being until the district's prudential committee could enjoy more members. A list of interested parties will be passed to the Town select board who makes these appointments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No further public comments.

ADJOURNED

John Fitzgerald motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Paul Hansen seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle James Choiniere

These minutes are not scheduled to be approved until the August 15th regular meeting.