

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
October 23, 2019 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Peter Newman, and Dan Lavoie, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; Chuck Come, Superintendent; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meetings held on October 9, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Administrator's Report

2020 Budget

Ray distributed the first draft of the 2020 District Budget and went through the various sections to explain his rationale for the numbers.

Income from water and sewer rents continues to fall below expected levels, due to several factors such as increasing use of more water efficient appliances, and smaller household size, although this trend may be turning around due to recent several instances of more than one or two person households moving into the precinct.

The bottom line for the preliminary 2020 budget as presented is a 1.27 percent increase over 2019.

Under General Government, Ray said he had included a three percent raise for the three employees and \$100 increase for the Commissioners, Treasurer and Clerk, respectively. Under Sewer System, the Commissioners discussed the potential changes in expenses when the groundwater injection system comes on line, principally in chemicals and testing, although Chuck noted that other costs such as maintaining the pond areas will likely shift expenses to different activities. However, these changes in operation will not come into play until 2021. Chuck observed that manhole work has to be factored in for the next year when the State repaves Main Street. There is also the planned installation of VF drives at the well pump.

There was considerable discussion on the Revenue page and whether or not increases in rents and/or precinct property tax should be proposed in order to address the anticipated shortfall in revenues versus expenditures. Ray said he would work with Chuck to see if expenses could be pared down to narrow the gap. The Budget Committee meets next on October 31st.

Other Matters

Chuck said the treatment plant is working well.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

The next regular meeting will be November 13, 2019.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.