



Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020 7:00 PM – VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The April 15, 2020 meeting of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority (BLRWPCA) was called to order by the Chair, Robert Morra, at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Morra (Chair), Daniel Champagne, Daniel Wright, and Richard Hayes.

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Michael Purcaro and Joshua Kelly.

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Grasis, Terry Hjarne, and Phillip Blazawski.

The Chair appointed all present alternates to sit for absent members and vacant seats.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – January 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Wright, seconded by Hayes, to approve the minutes as presented.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Correspondence

None.

AGENDA ITEM 5B – Consideration and possible action on forgiving fines assigned to 1 Tolland Road.

DISCUSSION: After Phillip Blazawski made a presentation about his financial situation and the fines that accrued on his sewer bill, members of the Authority asked him several more questions about the nature of his fines.

MOTION by Hayes, seconded by Wright, to table Agenda Item 5B to the next meeting, at which time the Administrator can provide more information about the fines accrued by Mr. Blazawski.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM 5C – Consideration and possible action on delaying BLRWPCA bill due dates.

DISCUSSION: Morra and Kelly explained that Executive Order 7W requires sewer authorities to adopt a fee relief program as described in Executive Order 7S, which gives the Authority two basic options: a 90 day deferral of payments for those who demonstrate need, or a lowered interest rate on late fees over the course of 90 days. These options apply to all

bills issued between and including April 1 – July 1, 2020. It was noted that both Vernon and Bolton towns decided to pursue the 90 day deferral rather than the lowered interest rate.

MOTION by Purcaro, seconded by Hayes, that the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority hereby approves participation in a Deferment Program which shall offer eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents a deferment by ninety (90) days of any sewer rates, charges, or assessments for such rate, charge, or assessment from the time that it became due and payable. Eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents are those that attest to or document significant economic impact and/or those that document that they are providing relief to those significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM 5D & 5E – Report on Connections & Status Report on Operations and FY 2020 Budget.

DISCUSSION: Kelly shared that there have been no new connections since the last meeting. Hayes requested that a list of disconnected properties be shared at each meeting. Kelly further shared information about the Authority's collections and expenditures as of March 31, 2020. It was asked that Kelly also include a running balance of how much remains in the bank account with future reports. Champagne inquired about delinquent tax bills, and it was generally agreed that the two towns should further discuss the ways in which collections are conducted.

AGENDA ITEM 5F – Consideration of and possible action on the FY 2021 Proposed Budget.

DISCUSSION: Champagne asked that the amount given in-kind by Vernon be noted and that the amount being paid on the bond by each town also be shown on the budget document. Hayes also asked that Kelly produce the remaining balance on the bond.

MOTION by Hayes, seconded by Champagne, to adopt the budget so long as the aforementioned alterations are made.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Report of the Chair

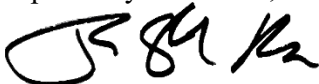
DISCUSSION: None.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Additional Matters & Other Business

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION by Hayes, seconded by Champagne, to adjourn at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joshua Steele Kelly, Administrator