

**NEW SHOREHAM WATER COMMISSION  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING-MINUTES**

**Monday • June 20, 2016 • 4:00 p.m.**

**Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island**

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**PRESENT were WATER Commission members: Brad Marthens (Chair), Tom Doyle (Vice Chair), Peter McNerney, Martha Ball, Steve Draper, Kathy Szabo (Alternate).**

**ALSO PRESENT were: Sewer Superintendent Chris Blane, Water Superintendent John Breunig, Town Manager Nancy Dodge, Finance Director Amy Land, Deputy Finance Director Mona Helterline, Legal Counsel David Petrarca, Administrative Assistant Kara Stinnett, Karen LeRoy (Canvasser) and Lars Trodson (BI Times)**

**Notice of the Water District's Annual Financial Meeting and Eligibility of Voters was posted April 27th and in weekly issues of the Block Island Times Newspaper on April 29, May 6 and May 13. The proposed budget was reviewed on May 9 and May 16, and a Public Hearing was held on May 23 and the proposed budget was posted May 25. Copies of the proposed budget were available at the Town Hall, Island Free Library, Police Station, New Shoreham Wastewater Treatment Facility and Town of New Shoreham's website ([www.new-shoreham.com](http://www.new-shoreham.com)).**

**Nineteen (19) electors of the New Shoreham Water District registered at the meeting to vote.**

**Water Chair B. Marthens called the New Shoreham Water District's Annual Financial Meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.**

**The proposed budget included the costs of maintaining, repairing and operating the water treatment plant and its distribution system. This included reasonable reserves for such purposes, renewals and replacements.**

**A. Land reviewed the proposed water budget for FY 2017, highlighted as follows:**

- On the revenue side there will be an increase of about 10% in the monthly customer charge this is designed to cover the fixed cost of the system. This equates to between \$9 and \$42 depending upon the customer class you belong to. There is also a 3.6% user fee increase to accommodate the overall usage and expansion of the customer base. There is also a slight increase in the charge for hydrants, at \$40.00 annually and Fire Sprinkler Systems at \$115.00 annually. These funds will be used for the maintenance of aging fire hydrants**

and other costs associated with providing water in the event of a fire. The total revenue is projected to increase by 3.3% to \$766,416.

- On the expenditure side again there is a 3.3% overall increase. There is some reallocation between the lines but in general things are pretty consistent. You will see the introduction to the fire protection line at \$5,000. Also line one which is labeled contracted services is the largest expense which is wages, benefits and taxes related to staffing. This is set up a reimbursement back to the Sewer Company as technically all water employees are sewer employees. There has also been a small increase in the electricity line, although the Water Company was hoping to reduce the electricity line with some energy saving improvements, this unfortunately, happened concurrently with a change to a new smart meter. The old meter had not been reflecting the total usage accurately so unfortunately those savings were lost.

- On page three there are some items in the water capital budget; these are being paid for out of the water fund reserves. \$50,000 has been taken and divided across three projects. \$20,000 for maintenance on Well 5, \$12,000 for VFD's and \$18,000 for tank maintenance.

**Comments/Questions from electors:**

There was no response from the electors on a call for questions or comments. There being no further comments:

**MOTION made by, water user and elector, B. Marthens to adopt the FY 2017 New Shoreham WATER District Budget as presented. Motion seconded by P. McNerney. A quorum of Water District voters was present and the vote to adopt the proposed budget was approved by unanimous consent:**

**Aye: 12. Nay: 0. Abstain: 0.**

**MOTION made by B. Marthens to set the Schedule of Water Fees and Charges, effective July 1, 2016 for the purpose of funding the water budget. Motion seconded by T. Doyle.**

**Aye: 5 (Marthens, McNerney, Doyle, Ball and Draper) Nay: 0.  
Abstain: 0.**

**MOTION made by B. Marthens to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 p.m.  
Motion seconded by T. Doyle.**

**Aye: 5 (Marthens, McNerney, Doyle, Ball and Draper) Nay: 0.  
Abstain: 0.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Kara Stinnett**

**ACCEPTED: 7/18/2016**

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