

Middletown
Water & Sewer Committee Meeting
July 24, 2019

Present: Bruce Carbaugh, Jennifer Falcinelli, Daphne Gabb, Rich Gallagher, David Lake, Bob Smart

Review of Amendments to Chapter 13 – Public Services

Additional “Superintendent” words found and should be replaced with Director of Public Works.

Question/Recommendation – Can all the dollar amounts of rates and fees be removed with a reference to where you can find the current rates and fees in an effort to keep Chapter 13 current?

Otherwise the committee recommends the verbiage used in the draft

Review of Billing Software Rate Codes

A resident notified the town that her water bill was off by \$0.02. After investigation, it was found that the billing company rounded up when a rate was an odd number and split between water and sewer. The situation was immediately rectified by rounding down to even numbers starting with FY20 (July 1, 2019) and the town will continue to round down to even numbers in the future. Discussion was held as to whether town staff time and tax payer money should be used to determine the exact amount of overage per account (on average approximately \$0.08 per year).

Recommendation – The committee does not recommend that the town use valuable staff time and tax payer’s dollars to determine individual refunds that amount to approximately \$0.08 per year. The cost to determine that would far outweigh the total refund amount. The problem is already fixed and will be rounded down in the future.

Update on In-Progress Projects

Main Street Waterline – Completion by end of August. New PRV vault in Cone Branch Pocket Park to be constructed.

Ground Storage Tank – Reservoir – Should be out to bid in 2 months with construction to start in spring.

Water Tank Maintenance – Getting a second opinion on the extent of rehab needed on the Water Tower.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Falcinelli