

**HARTSTENE POINTE WATER-SEWER DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**November 11, 2017**

**Hartstene Pointe Maintenance Association Clubhouse,  
202 E Pointes Drive East, Shelton, WA 98584**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** President M.A. Cary, Secretary A. Hospador, Commissioner D. McNabb, General Manager (GM) M. Jeffreys, Accounting and Administrative Services Manager (AAS) M. Carnahan, Water/Sewer Technician David Carnahan, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator (WWTPO) Marty Grabill

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

**BUSINESS:**

**2018 Budget Hearing:** The Board, GM, AAS, and Water/Sewer Technician presented the need for sustainability in water/sewer utilities, the 2017 projects, the District's five-year capital improvement plan, the 2018 proposed budget, and results of the District's rate comparisons study.

Following the presentation, the floor was opened to questions and comments:

- Question: Are the root blockages in the water pipes? How do they get in?
  - Answer: The root blockages are in the sewer lines. The roots get in through improperly sealed joints and buried and/or improperly installed sewer cleanouts. The sewer main lines are in good shape. The blockages are primarily in the sewer later lines.
- Question: Is the plan to inspect ever sewer line?
  - Answer: In the long term, yes. The District is in the process of inspecting all of the sewer lines, but it is a long-term project. Right now the focus is on identifying the high priority areas for repair or replacement.
- Question: Where is the line of demarcation between the homeowner's and the District's responsibility?
  - Answer: For most properties it is at the property line. For the Island Houses, the lines are the District's responsibility up to the building's footprint.
- Comment: Attendee applauded the presentation and how the District's communication has made them excited and encouraged about the systems.
- Question: We have hard water, clogged faucet screens, and chlorine smell in the water. Is this typical in the community?
  - Answer: The District's raw water contains iron, manganese, and arsenic. The District treats the water to filter these contaminants out. The water operator has been chlorinating at higher levels to optimize the new filtration system, but that will be dialed back within the coming month. After the reservoir cleaning the District will perform a full system flushing, which should further improve the water quality.
- Comment: Attendee said they really appreciated the District's efforts to reduce costs and the District's state-of-the-art system.
- Question: Can water in the reservoir be drawn from in the event of an emergency?
  - Answer: Yes, water can be drawn directly from the reservoir. Currently, water is pumped from the wells straight to the distribution system, with the excess going to the reservoir. The District is in the process of completing a comprehensive emergency preparedness program.

Following the questions and comments from attendees, President Cary gave closing remarks.

*The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.*

Respectfully Submitted By:

  
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Signature

Robert Scarola, Secretary Pro Tem  
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Name and Title

Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board on: 12/14/17