

**Town of Thompson’s Station
Special Called Utility Board
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order:

The special called remote meeting of the Utility Board of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 3, 2021, with the required quorum. The following statement was read by Chairman Riden:

This meeting is being conducted pursuant to the Guidance from the Comptroller’s Office, and in accordance with Governor Lee’s Executive Order No. 71 (which was previously extended by Executive Order Nos. 16, 34, 51, 60 and 65): due to the treatment and containment of COVID-19.

This special called meeting for February 3, 2021, is being held by video conference with the Utility Board of Thompson’s Station and live streamed, as necessary to protect the public’s health, safety, and welfare in light of the coronavirus. Further it is requested that the governing body include this determination in the minutes for this meeting.

We understand, we the members of the Utility Board serve at the pleasure of the citizens of the Town of Thompson’s Station, and due to the current situation, is why we are currently live streaming this meeting for the benefit of the public, through our website.

A recording of this meeting will be available on the Town of Thompson’s Station website at thompsons-station.com within 24 hours of this meeting. Utility Board Members and staff virtually present were: Chairman Jeff Riden, Alderman Brian Stover, Utility Board Members Skip Beasley, Charles Starck, Town Administrator Ken McLawhon, Finance Director Steve Banks, IT Coordinator Tyler Rainey, Town Recorder/Clerk Regina Fowler and Town Attorney Kirk Vandivort. Bruce Difrancisco, Mike Roberts, and Brad Wilson were absent. Additional virtual attendants were Matthew Johnson with Barge Design and Steve Wyatt with MTAS.

1. Removal of the “CAP” on Wastewater User Rates per the MTAS recommendation/report: Chairman Riden noted the discussion on this topic is recertifying the Utility Board’s recommendation with support of MTAS findings and legal findings and is appropriate. This discussion was to obtain more information for the record and said item has been placed on the upcoming February BOMA agenda.

2. Increasing of User Rates per recommendation of the MTAS recommendation/report: A motion was made by Brian Stover to approve increasing User Rates as recommended with the base rate at \$29.00 and uniform cost rate at \$8.10 (per unit of 1000 gallons) with an annual review of the rate for purposes of evaluation of the expenses and operation to occur January 1, 2023 and if necessary, thereafter. The motion was seconded by Skip Beasley and carried unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

	<u>VOTE</u>		<u>VOTE</u>		<u>VOTE</u>
Skip Beasley	Yea	Bruce Difrancisco	Absent	Jeff Riden	Yea

Mike Roberts	Absent	Charles Starck	Yea	Brian Stover	Yea
		Brad Wilson	Absent		
Yea 4		Nay 0		Absent 3	

Motion carried.


Brian Stover wanted to go on record stating “I am a little disappointed that none of my other BOMA members (who were invited to listen only to this meeting) showed up for this meeting. It would have been helpful to understand this a little more but that being said, would it be more advantageous to move the BOMA Workshop up to 5:30? I have a feeling we are not going to get through all that material. There will be a lot of questions asked, there is a lot to go through and a lot of stuff to digest and fully understand. With Mr. Wyatt going to be there, that is the time to ask questions of what is going on, why are we doing this? He is the expert and that is why we actually called this meeting tonight was to answer those questions. And I am a little concerned that we might run out of time at that workshop. It already looks like it might be a lengthy BOMA meeting. Anyway, it is what it is. It is what we have got to go through. But just something to consider because we’ve got a lot to cover”.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Information Only:

TDEC – Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program Potential Funding Notification
BOMA-Invitation for Guest Viewing



Chairman, Jeff Ridsen