

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 11, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert G. Knowlton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Robert Knowlton, Councilors Russ Walkup, Dolly Wallace, Bill Kennedy and Wayne Ake and Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones.

3. DISCUSSION OF WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF PERALTA

Mayor Knowlton summarized discussions from previous workshops. He stated that there were two philosophies on doing a rate. One would be paying an increment; if they are adding 10% they only pay 10% of what the cost is; which is what Peralta prefers. The other alternative is everybody pays the same; Bosque Farms would bill Peralta at the same rate Bosque Farms residents are billed.

Councilor Walkup shared his thoughts on billing Peralta on a per gallon basis rather than a per connection basis. He stated that if Peralta allowed more than one household to connect to a single grinder pump, that would mean one connection for Bosque Farms, but if we billed per gallon it wouldn't matter how many households connected to one grinder pump, we would be billing per gallon.

Councilor Walkup took the average flow of wastewater into the plant for 2012 and 2013 and came up with 77,852,000 gallons of wastewater, on average, for those two years. With 1435 connections it would be 4,521 gallons per month per connection at \$.40 per 100 gallons, based on his \$18.50 figure.

He stated that if you take the total expenses and divide it by total gallons, it would come to \$.473 per hundred gallons.

Mayor Knowlton asked what our billing cycle would be once a flow reading was taken. It was suggested net 15.

There was discussion about calibrating the flow meters on a regular basis, establishing a maximum flow and a surcharge over the maximum flow.

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Mayor Knowlton suggested an alternative method of billing; still charging a per connection fee per month and taking Councilor Walkup's figure of 4,521 gallons per month per customer. If Peralta says they have 100 customers, you multiply that by 4521 gallons to get a certain flow and if they go over that flow, they pay a surcharge.

Councilor Wallace stated that she was in favor of charging based on flow.

Councilor Ake stated that he was also in favor of a per gallon flow charge.

Council agreed to go with a price per gallon charge of \$.473 per 100 gallons with a cap of 1,130,250 gallons per month with a per gallon surcharge for any overage.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Knowlton adjourned the meeting at 7:12 P.M.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2014.

Robert G. Knowlton, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator