



Hartstene Pointe Water – Sewer District

Water-Sewer Update

November/December 2012

District Receives Special Recognition by Peers

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Board of Commissioners meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 1 PM in the District Office. All meetings are open to the public.

Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District is not associated with or governed by the Hartstene Pointe Maintenance Association. Please direct water-sewer service related questions to HPWSD.

Hartstene Pointe Water Sewer District is an equal opportunity service provider



l-r; General Manager Mont Jeffreys, Commissioners Mary Alice Cary, Nancy Nelson, Roger Ray; back; Marcus Hoffman, Commissioner, Silverdale Water District

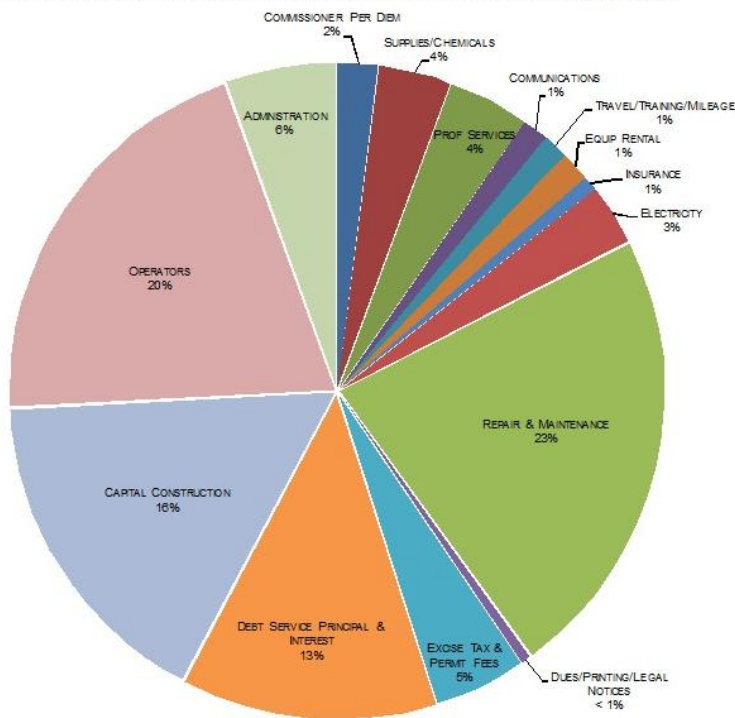
The Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts presented the Founding Board of Commissioners; William Parisio, Mary Alice Cary and Roger Ray a special recognition award at a September 20th Recognition Ceremony held in Spokane, WA. According to the Association, “these community leaders realized they and their community would be better served by forming their own local water and sewer district as the county was not operating the utility effectively. The three year process helped everyone work through all the various issues, concerns and meetings. Now the Hartstene Pointe community has direct elector control of the board and district. Their locally elected Commissioners now set rates, keeps revenue within the district and directs the manager regarding their entire system. They have improved the function and upgraded the capital plant dramatically. Using cost saving strategies the Commissioners shared staff from other neighboring districts and contracted with others to get the most expertise on a limited budget. They worked with WASWD personnel and colleagues to solve many questions and issues.”

“To get your own representation for management of your utility is phenomenal” said Silverdale Water District Commissioner, Marcus Hoffman. “You are the heart of the community. Without water and sewer services, there is no community.”

“We were very well mentored by WASWD,” said Board President Cary. Hoffman responded the District is well positioned to mentor others interested in forming their own District.

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Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District Proposed 2013 Operating Budget



District Takes Comment on 2013 Operating Budget

Adoption Scheduled November 8

A Budget Hearing was held October 20 to take comment on the proposed 2013 operating budget. The budget forecasts \$501,060 in revenues and \$586,886 in expenditures. The \$85,826 difference will be paid from savings accumulated over the past two years and includes a \$22,121 transfer into reserves for an ending cash balance of \$40,954. The District has \$172,464 in Capital Reserves and will plan an operating reserve in 2014 in conjunction with a rate study.

2013 capital and maintenance expenditures include \$100,000 of the \$180,000 Washington state mandated upgrades on the waste water treatment headworks; \$53,000 to repair

and replace pumps and \$15,000 to connect the 3 sewer collection lift stations to the central waste water communication and control system. The District’s mix of pay-as-you go and debt financing for capital improvements has allowed the budget to absorb and manage \$308,825 in repair, maintenance and upgrade projects in 2012. The booster pump and meter installation projects adds \$39,331 in annual debt service for 2013. Total debt service in 2013 will be \$77,443; 13% of budget.

Operational costs include \$163,500 for contracted operators, administrative and accounting services and general labor. Electricity is budgeted at \$18,335 and permit fees and excise taxes are slightly over \$24,000.

A full copy of the proposed budget is available on the District website, www.hpwatersewer.com. The budget will be adopted at the November 8 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.



Water heater with thermal expansion tank installed.

Prevent Danger of Thermal Expansion:

Make Sure Your Water Heater is Up to Code

All HPWSD customers had a one-way check valve installed at their service connection when water meters were installed. A check valve is the first line of defense to protect the community’s water supply from contamination due to household water flowing back into the public water supply. The water in your water heater expands in volume as the temperature rises. Without a thermal expansion tank installed on your water heater, the extra volume caused by thermal expansion may no longer have a release with check valves in place. Thermal expansion creates a potentially dangerous increase in pressure and has caused some customers damage.

Water heaters installed in compliance with the current plumbing code will have a thermal expansion tank to prevent an over pressure condition in the home plumbing. For more information, click on go to:

www.hpwatersewer.com