

Approved 9/11/17

**Board of Public Works  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: July 31, 2017  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Marshfield Town Hall  
Hearing Room 3**

**In attendance for all or part of the meeting were the following:**

John Vallier	Chairman
Stephen Robbins	Vice Chairman
Thomas Reynolds	Superintendent
John Cusick	<i>As Private Citizen; not as BPW Member</i>
Several Town Residents	
Ann Marie Sacchetti	Board of Public Works Secretary

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

John Vallier **motioned** to open the meeting and reviewed the evening's agenda which consisted of 1 item. **Seconded** by Steve Robbins, all in favor.

**Action:**

1. Special Meeting requested by resident, John Cusick, et al., pursuant to Art. 7, s7-1 re: Indirect Cost PowerPoint Presentation and Alleged Indirect Cost Discrepancies

John Cusick had obtained 26 signatures as a "private citizen" not as a Board of Public Works member in an effort to force discussion on Enterprise Accounts overcharges which have taken place over the past two years.

He provided a PowerPoint presentation depicting spread sheets from fy16 and the alleged overcharges. It was noted that the several residents in attendance had documents that neither Board members nor Staff had received for their reference and review.

Chairman, John Vallier handed Mr. Cusick an excerpt from [malegislature.gov/laws/general laws/part IV](http://malegislature.gov/laws/general%20laws/part%20IV). Document: Crimes, Punishments and Proceedings in Criminal Cases; Chapter 268A Conduct of Public Officials and Employees.

Mr. Cusick stated that the incorrect overcharges were used for the fy17 budget.

Town Council, Robert Galvin was present and indicated that he had contacted the Department of Revenue for guidance at the request of the Town Administrator and Town Accountant regarding the indirect costs method. He stated their response was that the last signed agreement should be in place and used for the fiscal year 2017.

At previous BPW meetings it was acknowledged that a new methodology would not be in place in time for the upcoming budget which resulted with the existing method to be used.

Chairman John Vallier stated that this issue has been in progress for a long time. Both Chairmen of the Board of Selectman, at the time Stephen Robbins, and of the Board of Public Works, Robert Shaughnessy, along with Staff, arrived at a methodology that all agreed upon, which was then voted on at the BPW meeting of January 23, 2017; the motion to accept passed by majority vote with John Cusick voting a “no”. John Vallier agreed that previous methods may not have been correct but a lot of time and effort has been devoted to making corrections.

Several residents were angry at the issue, not clearly understanding the corrective measures that have taken place to address the alleged discrepancies.

John Vallier stated that it is a work in progress and will be discussed at future meetings.

Mr. Cusick wanted residents to know that the Town was sweeping this issue under the rug in an effort to preserve its bond rating.

At this time the open meeting of the Board of Public Works for July 31, 2017 adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Sacchetti,  
Board of Public Works Secretary

**Documents and exhibits presented at this meeting were the following:**

PowerPoint presentation: Enterprise Accounts Overcharges

Mass General Laws: Part IV Crimes, Punishments and Proceedings in Criminal Cases

Letter Dated May 16, 2016 to: Mr. Sean Cronin, Deputy Commissioner/Director of Municipal Affairs

Department of Revenue, From: Town of Marshfield Board of Public Works Re: Indirect Cost Assessment