

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2012

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, February 2, 2012. Clerk William L. Schenker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman	John A. Mikuszewski
Clerk	William L. Schenker
Associate Member	David T. Daly
Superintendent	Jeffrey A. Cyr

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS: The weekly warrants were signed by all Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John A. Mikuszewski made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2012. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion carried

WATER DEPT. PICK-UP TRUCK BID RESULTS: Jeffrey Cyr updated the Board of the Bid results of the new Water Dept. pick-up truck. (See Note 1) Jeff stated that although De Santis Chevrolet in Brockton, MA won the lowest bid with \$23,989.00 they did not meet the spec requirement regarding the type of bed liner we were requesting to be installed. Liberty Chevrolet the second lowest bidder at \$24,882.00 is located in Wakefield, MA. Liberty Chevrolet was able to meet our specs for the bed liner. David T. Daly made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2012 ¾ ton pick-up truck with utility body from Liberty Chevrolet in the amount of \$24,882.00. The motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion carried

WATER DEPARTMENT FENCE OCCURRENCE 1/17/2012: Jeff Cyr informed the Board that a portion of the fence out front of the Water Department was hit by a woman driving northbound on Jan. 17, 2012. Jeff contacted the insurance company and an independent claims adjuster came out to give an estimated of the damage done. The estimate to repair the fence would cost \$920.00. Jeff spoke to insurance company and the check to repair the fence will be sent directly to the company to fix so our budget is not affected. Jeff will update the Board when fence is repaired.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION: Jeffrey Cyr informed the Board that he has adjusted the budget so we will not have to go up on our rates. The M.W.R.A. projected water costs for FY 2012/2013 were originally \$710,000.00 reflecting an increase of 19.3%. Leo Norton of the M.W.R.A. who gives us the rate annually has adjusted our increase to only a 13.2% increase. (See Note 2) The increase primarily is due to the UV disinfection treatment construction starting in the spring. We have a meeting Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012 with the Prudential Board to discuss final budget figures.

VERIZON LEASE EXTENSION
FOR INDUSTRIAL DR.:

Jeffrey Cyr informed the Board the gentlemen that called regarding extending the lease from Verizon was mistaken. He thought their lease was up with us soon. Our lease with Verizon is not up for revision till 2023.

MEETING WITH MWRA
REGARDING UPCOMMING
PROJECTS 1/25/2012:

Jeffrey Cyr updated the Board about the meeting both he and John Mikuszewski attended at the M.W.R.A. Quabbin visitors' center on Jan. 25, 2012. The UV disinfection project will be starting in the spring and continue for approximately a year. Jeff also noted that the M.W.R.A. would like to run a 4500 ft, 20" pipeline from the CVA directly to the fish hatchery located off Rte.9 for colder water. They are also planning to rehab the Windsor power station system due to age of pipe and valves. These two projects are system wide projects and the CVA customers will have to pay approximately 4% toward the projects. The Chicopee Valley Aqueduct System will see an increase of 13.2% in water purchase for the fiscal yr. 12/13, and 11.7% the following year. (See Note 2). Comparatively the Metro West system pays approx. \$2700 per million gallons and the Chicopee Valley Aqueduct pays approx.\$1600 per million gallons for water. The M.W.R.A. did also speak about the potential of a casino going into Palmer, MA. If the casino resides there, they would need water from the CVA and all entrance fees would help offset costs associated on the CVA system.

UPDATE ON
EMPLOYEE MANUAL:

Jeff informed the Board that Attorney Mark Beauregard has reviewed the employee manual and has questions that we will discuss with him at the next board meeting on Feb. 16, 2012.

WATER MAIN BREAK
ON NEWTON STREET:

Jeff informed the Board the there was a water main break on Wed. February 1, 2012 in front of #376. Jeff stated that this occurrence was different from other water main breaks where the pipe splits laterally. This pipe had an actual chunk broken out of it. The pipe on Newton Street is unlined cast iron originally installed in 1953. If a replacement project were to happen on Newton St. the pipe material would be ductile iron pipe. The maintenance crew was also able to eliminate a lead joint in the 12 foot repair.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

David T. Daly made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by
John A. Mikuszewski. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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