

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2011

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, April 7, 2011. Chairman David T. Daly called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE	Chairman	David T. Daly
	Clerk	John A. Mikuszewski
	Associate Member	William L. Schenker
	Superintendent	Jeffrey A. Cyr
	Attorney	Mark Beauregard
	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE	
	Edward Wall	
	Raymond Hopfe	
	Raymond Miner	

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David T. Daly made a motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2011 This motion was seconded by William Schenker . Motion carried

BRainerd ST. WATER
MAIN UPDATE:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board of the Bid results of the first 1000 feet of the Brainerd Street water main (See Note 1). William L. Schenker made a motion to accept the bid of \$25,451.35 to EPPCo for the material for the first part of Brainerd Street project. This motion was seconded by John A. Mikuszewski.
Motion carried

Jeff also informed the Board that we will need an additional 6 Fire Hydrants for the Brainerd St. project. Three companies bid for the hydrants (See Note 2). John A. Mikuszewski made a motion to accept the bid of \$9,600.00 for the additional hydrants to Water Line Supply. This motion was seconded by David T. Daly.
Motion carried

Jeff informed the Board that the project is going well and they will be tying into Skyline Dr. on Friday and doing pressure tests. Jeff also informed the Board he recently spoke to Jim Reidy from the DPW and Palmer Paving who will be doing the Brainerd St. paving and sidewalk project for the town is not scheduled to start until So. Hadley kids are out of school. So Jeff would like to continue replacing the main on Brainerd St. from Skyline Dr. to Lyman Street. Jeff will get additional bids for the additional 1500 ft. work and update to Board at the next meeting.

MORGAN ST. GRANBY
UPDATE:

Jeff informed the Board they are moving quickly and that 3 Engineering firms are bidding for the design and inspection of a new water line and 23 house connections on Morgan St. in Granby. Waste Management will pay the 23 improvement fees for the residents. There are plans to proceed with looping the water line possibly through Lane Construction on New Ludlow Road. Jeff will keep the Board updated as things progress.

SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
APRIL 11, 2011:

Jeff reminded the Board that there is a special district meeting at the Fire Department on Monday April 11 @ 7 p.m. to approve funding for a new ambulance. After the special meeting there will be an informational session about the new By-Laws at approximately 7:30 p.m.

WATER SERVICE
INSTALLATION
DISCUSSION:

Jeff informed the Board he has had a lot of inquiries about the Water Department doing the installation of the water line from the street to a home (usually done by contractor). Jeff noted that this would be a good income source for the department. Jeff would like to consider doing the work on a case by case basis by the department. Wayne Walton agreed that this is something they could do. The Board felt as though we should have a contract that says we will cover for only 1 year, so we are not responsible for any issues further down the road. Jeff will investigate and report back to the Board.

LIONS CLUB REQUEST
FOR FISHING DERBY:

Jeff received a letter from the Lions Club requesting our endorsement of the Thirteenth Annual "Myron Ryder Memorial Fishing Derby" to be held on May 21, 2011 (See Note 3). As in previous years, the Lions Club will furnish the Board with a Certificate of Liability Insurance for \$2,000,000.00. William L. Schenker made a motion to approve the use of the Reservoir by the Lions Club for the fishing derby. This motion was seconded by John A. Mikuszewski.

Motion Carried

LEAPING WELLS
PROPERTY UPDATE:

Jeff informed the Board the back parcel of land we had considered for sale is not feasible. Mark Harlacker, from Interstate Waste Services was interested in purchasing part of back parcel to replicate wetlands impacted by the new proposed cell of the landfill. Mark requested to walk the property to inspect and see if the parcel was sufficient for their use. Jeff informed Mark that the endangered species of Pine Moth does exist on the property. This species is similar to what exists on the Town of South Hadley's adjacent parcel as well.

FOURTH QUARTER
BUDGET FIGURES:

Jeff informed the Board that the April billing has been mailed out and if we collect all our rents we will have a surplus of \$224,000 (See Note 4). Our FY2011 commitment is 1,664,014.97. Jeff also noted that our proposed FY12 budget is approximately 100,000.00 higher and if rates and collections remain the same, the surplus amount will decrease. Another factor for the Board to consider will be weather for the upcoming FY in order to determine if a rate increase will be necessary.

THANK YOU FROM
CANDICE WALCZAK:

The department received a thank you from Candice Walczak of the School Department for our help in snow removal on the schools roofs. (See Note 5).

JOINT MEETING W/
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Attorney Mark Beauregard opened a discussion regarding an issue that was raised by Prudential Committee members Ed Wall and Ray Miner about the salary for the new Treasurer to be elected. Ed & Ray felt as though the current salary was too high for a newly elected Treasurer and should be lowered to around \$35,000. Attorney Beauregard said that he did a lot of research to see if this could be done. Mark stated that once the tax rate and the budgets are set by the voters and it is voted on the salary cannot be changed. Ed Wall wanted it to be noted that he has an ethical dilemma with the people who have run for Treasurer. He is concerned that the candidates are not qualified and should not get the salary that is already set. He also believed a more descriptive job posting and better advertising of the opening would have generated more interest in the position.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

William L. Schenker made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by John A. Mikuszewski. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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John A. Mikuszewski, Clerk