

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2013

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Chairman William L. Schenker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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 December 20, 2012. This motion was seconded by John A. Mikuszewski. Motion carried

AT&T ON ALVORD
ST. TANK:

Jeff Cyr updated the Board that he received a letter from David Crowe of Md7, a company that has partnered with AT&T Mobile. Md7 is looking to modify their lease agreement for the Alvord Street Tank. Md7 is offering \$1750. per month, commencing March 1, 2013 and a 5% rent increase every 5 years commencing March 1, 2018. (See Note 1) AT&T is currently paying \$2420. per month with a 15% increase every 5 years. Jeff has contacted Attorney Mark Beauregard to review the letter. Attorney Beauregard has recommended we stay with our current lease agreement.

PROPOSAL FROM TIGHE AND
BOND TO PERFORM
HYDRAULIC MODEL:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that he received a proposal from Tony DaCruz of Tighe & Bond to perform a hydraulic model on our water distribution system. (See Note 2) The purpose of a Water System Hydraulic Model is to tell us what our system is doing and to prioritize projects that address water quality and hydraulic trouble spots. The Hydraulic Model will be able to help us understand our system better and tell us where water went from each tank and assist with maintaining Chlorine residuals. Jeff stated the last time a Hydraulic Model was done was almost 20 years ago. The proposal is for \$27,000 and will be invoiced monthly based on percentage complete. After a brief discussion, David T. Daly made a motion to accept the proposal from Tighe & Bond for \$27,000 to perform Water System Hydraulic Modeling. This motion was seconded by John A. Mikuszewski. Motion Carried.

**METER REPLACEMENT
UPDATE:**

Jeff Cyr notified the Board that the Office staff has been scheduling appointments and the Maintenance crew has been changing out our oldest water meters from 1998. We began with 623, 1998 meters to replace and currently have 213, 1998 meter left to replace. Jeff informed the Board that we have been able to take the older meters and have them rebuilt at a cost of \$75/each compared to purchasing a new meter for \$125/each. Jeff is eager to continue replacing these older meters before the new low lead law takes effect at the end of 2013, which requires us to purchase composite meters as opposed to re-building and installing the bronze meters. Jeff would like to continue to fund the meter replacement account in FY 14. The Board agreed this is a cost-effective way to replace the older water meters in an effort to keep meters current.

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET
DISCUSSION:**

Jeff Cyr presented the Board with some Historical Budget Data in preparation for the annual joint meeting with the Prudential Board on Thursday, January 17th. (See Note 3) Jeff Cyr noted to the Board that in the past 10+ years our increase to purchase water has increased a total of 35%, Health Insurance a total of 42%, and retirement a total of 74% as our water rates have only increased 25%. Jeff noted to the Board that the new budget is a bare bones budget with the biggest operating funding towards water purchase and capital funding to the Water Main Replacement Account, so we can continue to update older and weaker water mains.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

David T. Daly made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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David T. Daly, Clerk