

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2014

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. 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

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 February 1, 2014. This motion was seconded by David T. Daly. Motion Carried

REVISED SHEA AVENUE LEAK COST: Jeff Cyr updated the Board that the MWRA still does not know where the leak is at the Shea Avenue site in Belchertown. The MWRA is certain that the leak is still only leaking 20 gal. a minute, and has not increased. They will need to install a line stop (by-pass), to replace the fittings. Jeff reported that the estimated cost have gone up from \$500,000. to \$738,000., which will be the responsibility of the three CVA Communities to pay.

MEETING WITH UTILITY SERVICES 3/13/2014: Jeff Cyr informed the Board he held a meeting with Utility Services, a company that manages municipal assets. Special Legislation was recently passed in Massachusetts in order for companies to perform this type of service in order for asset management to be paid over a period of fifteen years. Right now municipalities in Maine and New Hampshire are contracted with Utility services. Scott Kelly of Utility Services put together a proposal for both our water tanks. (See Note 1). The proposals include annual R.O.V. exterior and interior inspections. The Board noted that the annual costs over the 15 years would not be feasible according the proposed amortization schedule. Jeff told Utility Services that if the costs were spread out equally over the fifteen year period, it might be easier. Jeff also mentioned the current proposal would be difficult from a budgetary standpoint. Jeff noted another concern right now is there are no Massachusetts Municipalities that are using Utility Services to manage their water tanks. Jeff stated that the Utility Service is going to put together a revised maintenance plan for us to look at.

DISCUSSION REGARDING USING C-909 PVC PIPE FOR WATER MAINS: Jeff presented to the Board with a sample of a new PVC pipe called C-909 that is lighter weight, more cost effective and more pliable as it is stretched. Jeff showed the Board a video of various testing we performed in-house. Jeff noted that Maine, Canada and New York currently are using this pipe in their water systems. Jeff also noted that this new C-909 pipe is not lined with the chemical perchloroethylene like vinyl lined A.C. pipes, which are now considered to be

hazardous. The biggest advantage of C-909 pipe is the strength and the cost, which is currently 1/3 of Class 52 Ductile Iron. Ductile iron can withstand 350 lbs. of pressure, the C900 we use now 200 lbs. of pressure and the new C-909 235 lbs. of pressure. Jeff also spoke with Tony DeCruz of Tighe & Bond Engineers about the new C-909 pipe and he has been incorporating it into specifications. Jeff concluded by stating this would not replace our current use of Class 52 Ductile iron for water main replacement. Pipe type would be dependent on location and soil type.

**PROJECT LIST FOR
2014 SEASON:**

Jeff Cyr informed the Board of the Maintenance Crew's project list for 2014. The Crew is currently finishing up our part of the work at Buttery Brook Park. Our last remaining item would be to install a 2" line to feed the new spray park once the contractor is on site. Jeff noted that money granted to the town has to be used by June 2014. Margaret Street is on the list of replacing the water main, due to multiple breaks. Jeff spoke with Dan Murphy, Engineer and Jim Reidy DPW, Superintendent for the town and Judd Avenue is on the list to be repaved, so we will replace the water main on Judd Avenue. Jeff stated that there will be a challenge with the drainage on Judd Avenue as there is a lot of stone around it. It is also 1700 ft long. Jeff already spoke to Chief of Police David LaBrie and he will allow us to shut down the road.

**NEW FOLDER FOR
WATER BILLS:**

Jennifer Fernandes reported to the Board that the old Pitney Bowes folder is not performing to the abilities we need for our billing as it is 8 years old. It takes a lot longer to fold the bills and the bills and statements get jammed and we have to reprint a number of bills. On Wednesday, March 19th a representative from Pitney Bowes came to the office to demonstrate a new and more advanced folder. Jeff Cyr noted that he has had the same difficulty with the old machine and attended the demonstration of the newer Pitney Bowes DF800 folder. Jeff & Jennifer noted the new machine will suit our needs better. William L. Schenker made a motion to purchase the new Pitney Bowes DF800 folder for \$3,307.75. This motion was seconded by David T. Daly. Motion Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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John A. Mikuszewski, Clerk