

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Wednesday September 25, 2019. William L. Schenker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman William L. Schenker
Clerk R. Scott Williams
Associate Member Stephanie K. Wall
Superintendent Jeffrey A. Cyr

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Stephanie Wall made a motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2019 and August 22, 2019. This motion was seconded by R. Scott Williams.
Motion Carried

LETTER FROM MASS DOT REGARDING NEWTON ST.: Jeff Cyr informed the Board he received a certified letter from Mass DOT requiring us to fix settlement and pot holes on Newton Street from the water main project. (See Note 1) Jeff noted Mass DOT had received a complaint from a customer about the settlement concerns in question. The letter stated the area is between Washington and Joffre Ave. The actual area of concern is between Washington Ave. and Haig Ave. Jeff drove out to that area and was not able to determine exactly what settlement the customer may have been experiencing. Jeff asked Tim Myers from Mass DOT to meet with him and show Jeff exactly where the potholes in question were. The letter asked for some documents submitted to confirm the field notes, inspection reports and copies of all trench material slips, which Jeff has forwarded. The road is schedule to be resurfaced in June of 2020. Jeff will update the Board after he meets with Tim Myers from Mass DOT with an update.

UPDATE ON GRANBY WATERLINE ISSUES: Jeff Cyr updated the Board that Tighe and Bond engineers have been contracted by the Town of Granby and Chappell Engineering is contracted to do the final design for an extended water line into Granby by way of the intersections of West State St and Pleasant St. (five corners). We are a part of a 3 CVA (Chicopee Valley Aqueduct) Community, South Hadley, Wilbraham and Chicopee and need approval from the other communities to extend our water lines. Jeff noted he met with Jim Dunbar, Commissioner last Thursday of the Wilbraham Water Department and asked if Wilbraham would be ok with the water expansion into Granby. The Commission agreed it is ok with them. Jeff then met with Chicopee Water Department, Jim Deni and Elizabeth Botelho, DPW Director from Chicopee about the expansion into Granby. Both parties had no issue with the proposed expansion and will send something in writing to that effect. Jeff will keep the Board updated as things progress.

SUSAN AVE. WATER
MAIN UPDATE:

Jeff Cyr updated the Board that the Susan Avenue water main project is completed and the trench is paved. Jeff noted the project went well with only a few minor complaints from residents during construction. Jeff noted the total cost of the project was around \$57,100 and money from the Newton Street water main project was used. The original engineering plans from Tighe and Bond put the costs at about \$200,000 if we used an outside excavating company to do the project. (\$149,900 savings)

LWSAP FUNDS DISCUSSION: Jeff Cyr updated the Board that the Newton Street water main project or LWSAP (Local Water System Assistance Program), created by the MWRA to communities provide interest free loans to perform water system improvement projects is available for us to use for other purposes other than just water main projects. Jeff noted the Districts' Auditor was questioning the timeline when we were going to spend the funds. Jeff spoke to Kristen Hall at the MWRA and she said under the LWSAP we can use the funds for other purposes i.e.: slip lining of unlined water mains; water main cleaning; replacement of water mains; replace service connection constructed of lead pipe; looping of dead-end water mains; valve and hydrant install or replace; water storage tank install or rehabilitation or replacement. Jeff would like to use a portion of the money to replace older water meters in homes (10+ years old). Jeff also noted that water mains on Graves, School, Pleasant and Warner Streets are all very old and the department would like to replace these as well.

QUARTERLY DBP SAMPLE RESULTS AND DISCUSSION: Jeff informed the Board that the 2nd week of August we took our 3rd quarter DBP samples (Disinfection by Products) testing. On August 6th there was an Algae bloom at the Quabbin Reservoir, so Quabbin increased the chlorine to combat it. In the summer months when the temperature of the water is warmer, we have a booster pump on the Alvord Street water tank that boosts the chlorine. The increase in chlorine created a metallic taste in the water which created several calls from customers. On August 27th MWRA released a statement about the Algae bloom stating the algae levels were low and not harmful to drink and suggested to refrigerate the water. The results of all the algae bloom and increase of chlorine exceeded the operational levels of our DBP samples but were not above the running annual average. DEP will be sending a letter regarding the Operational Evaluation Level (OEL) exceedance from the sampling results and we will need to provide a response as to why it occurred. Jeff noted the next round of DBP sample testing is in November and will keep the Board updated.

WEEKLY WARRANTS: Jeff opened up the discussion of the signing of the weekly warrants and what would work best for the Board. After a brief discussion Jeff will pick up the warrants at the Treasurer's office on Wednesday Morning, get a signature from Mr. Schenker, and drop them back off at the Treasurer's office for Mrs. Wall and Mr. Williams to stop by and sign at their convenience.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: William Schenker made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Stephanie
K. Wall Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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R. Scott Williams, Clerk