

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 30, 2014

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, October 30, 2014. Chairman John A. Mikuszewski 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: William L. Schenker made a motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2014. This motion was seconded by David T. Daly. Motion Carried

SOUTH STREET WATER MAIN PROJECT: Jeff Cyr updated the Board that the water main and services are in for South Street. Jeff noted that next week the Crew will finish up the water main project by tying into Warner Street. The only snag to finishing up the tie in to Warner Street is the Crew would like to use a new style coupling from Imax and Jeff is not sure if its approved to use with the current pipe we are using. Jeff noted that digging for this project was not as difficult as predicted and there were no complaints or issues.

CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LEAPING WELLS DAM: Jeff Cyr informed the Board that the Conservation requirements to complete the Leaping Wells Dam project does not qualify to be exempt. Jeff noted that he spoke with Steve Sroka of Tighe and Bond and we will need to file a Notice of Intent to complete the work, however the Notice of Intent will be good for 3 years. That will give us enough time to complete the work and allow us to do some of the work ourselves on the Dam as time a funds permit.

PROPOSAL FROM ITI FOR ALVORD ST. TANK: Jeff Cyr informed the Board he received a proposal from Joe Harris of ITI (Infrastructure Technologies, Inc.) to repaint the interior of the Alvord Street Tank. See Note 1. Jeff noted Joe Harris will be the inspector as in past projects on our water tanks. The cost estimate is \$750,000 (See last page of proposal). Jeff noted that Joe Harris' price for on-site inspection would not exceed \$52,000. Jeff noted that he is including the installation of a PAX mixer inside the tank to assist chlorine decay and Disinfection by-product formation. Jeff noted Joe Harris suggested we power wash the exterior of the tank while we are there to sustain the exterior. Jeff also noted that the Tank bowl drain is problematic and starting to rust. The only purpose of the plug is to drain the tori sphere when maintenance is performed. There are some minor exterior painting repairs priced at \$15,000.00. Jeff will have the Maint. Crew address this in order to save funds. Jeff reiterated to the Board that a special meeting would need to take place to fund the project in order to have the project underway in the early spring of 2015.

**SENSUS METER
DISCUSSION:**

Jeff Cyr explained to the Board we bought rebuilt meters from E.J. Prescott to save money as the new IPERL meters are \$125 compared to a rebuilt meter cost of \$75. However, every quarter we are finding many rebuilt meters that have failed and need to be replaced with the IPERL. Jeff mentioned we had 417 meters re- built resulting in the reason for our consumption difference with the MWRA. Jeff met with Don O'Neil, the new sales person for Sensus at the EJ Prescott office regarding the issues we've been having on the rebuilt meters failing. Jeff brought a case of the rebuilt meters with him in order for them to be analyzed by Sensus at their Uniontown, PA location to determine the cause of the failure. One of the preliminary explanations from Sensus for the meters failing is they think the meters were rebuilt in an area at MBS where there is a lot of dust. Fortunately, E.J. Prescott has been crediting us for the rebuilt meters we have found.

**MISCELLANEOUS
CHARGES DISCUSSION:**

Jeff Cyr informed the Board our Maintenance Crew has been doing a lot of work outside the Department for various companies and it has been generating some income. However, Jeff discovered some of our prices are far below what the industry standards are and would like to increase a few of our miscellaneous charges so we are more toward the average costs. (See Note 2). William L. Schenker made a motion to approve the new miscellaneous charge increases. This motion was seconded by David T. Daly. Motion Carried

METRO PCS:

Jeff Cyr notified the Board that Metro PCS has removed all of their equipment from both of our water tanks by Top Tier Site management. Although their equipment has been removed they left the studs on the tank per Jeff's direction in order to minimize damage to the coating systems on both tanks. Jeff noted they came back out to repair and paint all areas where equipment was removed. Jeff provided all the Specifications and paint colors of both systems..

2-WAY RADIO:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that our license(s) for our two-way radios is due to expire at the end of December. In the past he has been able to renew himself. However, when the radios went from wideband to narrow band frequency in 2013 due to a change by the FCC, the license was not addressed properly. Due to the difficulty in renewing the licenses for the new narrow band frequency Jeff had to hire Tilo Schiffer of Tower Communications to complete the renewal(s).

**OLD 1949 BLUEPRINT
MAP:**

Jeff notified the Board he was contacted by the contractor doing work at Stonybrook Condos on Newton Street that they ran into a 12" pipe and asked if it was a water pipe. Jeff couldn't find prints that had anything reflecting an old 12" water main. A few weeks later Jeff was contacted by Tony DeCruz, from Tighe and Bond that they were going through some old prints and came across an old 1949 blueprint map of the waterlines and was he interested in the map. Upon review of the map Jeff found the old 12" main that ran through the property where Stonybrook Condos are now being built.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The Board granted the day after Thanksgiving off and the entire day of Christmas Eve off. The staff will work the normal half day on New Years’ Eve.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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William L. Schenker, Clerk