

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2011

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, June 16, 2011. Chairman John A. Mikuszewski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE	Chairman	John A. Mikuszewski
	Clerk	William L. Schenker - Absent
	Associate Member	David T. Daly
	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 June 2, 2011 as amended. This motion was seconded by John A. Mikuszewski. Motion carried

MORGAN ST. GRANBY  
UPDATE:

Jeff Cyr and David Daly attended a meeting Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> in Granby with the Granby Board of Health, Waste Management and 13 out of the 25 residents from Morgan Street in Granby. Four out of the 25 residents on Morgan Street in Granby have contaminated wells. Waste Management proposed to all 25 residents they would take care of the Water Department improvement fees, installation of the new water main, piping to their homes, cap and cementing their old wells and any loam and seed needed for their lawns. Some of the residents would not sign off on this proposal stating they did not want their wells abandoned and wanted Waste Management to pay their water bill for the next 10 years. Waste Management said to leave the wells in place they would be required to regularly monitor the wells, and they did not want to do this. The 25 Morgan Street residents got letters from Waste Management, and the Granby Board of Health with the information and proposal. Three of the residents did sign to move forward with the proposal Waste Management is offering. Jeff Cyr spoke to the residents to inform them the average water bill is \$420/yr using approximately 90,000 gallons (\$5.00 per family unit & \$3.17 per cubic foot). Waste Management predicts their costs to be around 1 million dollars. Jeff will attend any future meetings and keep the Board informed.

BRAINERD ST. WATER  
MAIN UPDATE:

Jeff Cyr updated the Board that the Brainerd Street water main project is nearing completion. The Maintenance staff is completing the final paving of the trench on Friday. Once the paving is done they have to just loam and seed a few areas. Jeff estimates we have used approximately 120 tons of black top for the remaining trench patching.

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE TANK  
PAINTING UPDATE:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that Worldwide Industries has been on site as of Monday, June 6th and has started setting up to sandblast the interior. The workers of Worldwide Industries welded in bung fittings to suspend from the top of the tank in order to sandblast. Mr. Joe Harris of ITI was on site this week and did a

sand blast test to be sure it was done to his specifications (See Note 1). Mr. Chris Koren of Worldwide Industries has been on site to oversee the progress and is fully compliant with what Joe Harris expects. Mr. Koren plans to have a full crew at the water tank Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and will start working 7 days a week to complete the project ASAP. The Interior of the tank is approximately 21,000 square feet and it takes 2 men one day to do 1,000 s.f., so it should take Worldwide about 10 days to sandblast. Mr. Joe Harris also required in the specifications that a dehumidification system be installed to ensure that the tank interior stays moisture free during the process. Jeff will keep the Board updated as the project progresses.

**WATER METER  
DISCUSSION:**

Jeff Cyr and the foreman, Wayne Walton attended a seminar sponsored by Sensus & EJPrescott about new technology and IPERL meters being used in the field. Sensus will not longer produce a bronze meter and is being replaced with a new IPERL meter that has no moving parts. Sensus suggested we replace as many bronze meters now as we will be able to get more money to recycle them. D.E.P. rules require that all water meter bodies now be composed of no more than 0.25% lead by 2013. The Sensus IPERL meter is not affected by freezing cold spells and any sediment that comes in does not bother the meter. The IPERL meter is 100% lead free and has a 20 year guarantee and measures water as it flows through a magnetic field . To rebuild the meter we are currently use is approximately \$75 and a new IPERL meter cost is \$115. Jeff would like to add money to the meter replacement account next fiscal year so we can slowly replace the older Sensus bronze meter with the Sensus IPERL.

**LEAK DETECTION:**

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that Mr. Al Banks from Prowler Water was in touch with him regarding completing the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the leak detection in the District. Mr. Banks said he would be starting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and takes approximately 2 weeks to complete. Jeff will keep the Board updated.

**BOOSTER PUMP  
LIGHTNING STRIKE 6/9/11:**

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that last Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> during a thunderstorm a pole outside the Ludlow treatment plant got hit by lightning. Jeff spent 2 ½ hours waiting for the power to be restored by Western Mass Elect. Jeff determined when the power came back on, the Booster Pump wouldn't start up and one of the three motor timers went bad. As a precaution Jeff has ordered three more motor timers and a cost of \$33/each. Following the replacement of the timers, Jeff will be testing the Booster pump via SCADA to be sure everything is working properly.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

John A. Mikuszewski made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by David T. Daly. Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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William L. Schenker, Clerk

