

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2015

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. 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: David T. Daly made a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2014. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion Carried

LEAPING WELLS

BEAVER ISSUE: Jeff Cyr informed the Board that there has been significant damage to a lot of trees toward the back of the reservoir due to a family of Beavers building a Dam. One entire side toward the back of the reservoir had trees down that were chewed and knocked down. The Maintenance Crew cleaned up a lot of the trees that had come down. Jeff Cyr contacted Joe Robidoux of Forest Edge Wildlife & Pest Control of Leverett, MA to see if he could remove the family of Beavers. Mr. Robidoux said this is the perfect time of year to trap them (Nov. – May). Mr. Robidoux had to first locate the Lodge where they were living to set the traps and was able to trap a total of 4 Beavers (1 adult, 3 babies). There is one adult left from the Lodge to trap that will have to be done when the weather warms up in the spring. The total cost to date is \$850.

ALVORD STREET INTERIOR

TANK PAINTING UPDATE: Jeff Cyr informed the Board the bid results are in from the 4 companies that submitted bids. (See Note 1). Worldwide Industries came in as the lowest bid at \$683,330.00. Jeff Cyr met with the President of Worldwide Industries, Ray Koren and Joe Harris from ITI to discuss the breakdown and details of the bid. Jeff wanted to be sure Ray's brother Chris Koren would be on the job to oversee all aspects and Joe Harris would be the on-site inspector as in past projects. Jeff had a contract signed by Ray Koren that his brother Chris or he will be on site full time as the Foreman/Superintendent overseeing the work. (See Note 2) Jeff stated that the budget could be tight for this project but he was informed by Joe Harris that Item #2 and Item #3 which are surface pit welding and floor weld repair may not be needed but is on the bid to cover possible issues. After a brief discussion, David T. Daly made a motion to accept the bid from Worldwide Industries, Inc. for \$683,330.00. William L. Schenker seconded the motion. Motion Carried

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Jeff Cyr presented the Board with the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2015/2016 (See Note 3). Jeff Cyr informed the Board that he has not yet received final projections for FY16 from the MWRA on our water rate. Jeff is projecting our water cost to be about \$710,000.00 pending a final figure from MWRA. Jeff proposed additionally funding the Office Expense \$45,000 up an additional \$6000 over the budget last year to cover costs of having the office building exterior stained. Jeff proposed funding the Water Tank Stabilization Fund \$150,000, Water Main Replacement Account \$100,000 as well as the Water Tank Upkeep & Repair \$10,000. Jeff also proposed replacing W1 truck as it is a 2004 and recently has had some significant mechanical issues. William Schenker suggested if at all possible he thinks it would be great if we could fund our Stabilization Account or name an account for future Major Infrastructure Projects. In particular he is concerned that once we have to replace Newton Street (Rt. 116) that we will not have enough money and have to borrow most or all needed to do the work. The total increase over the budget last year is 3.5% . Our annual joint meeting with the Prudential Board is scheduled for February 5, 2015.

54 LAURIE AVENUE: Jeff Cyr notified the Board that during an appointment to check for leaks at 54 Laurie Avenue it was discovered that the service was leaking and seeping into the basement of the home. The home owner Jeanne Devine was notified about the leak and told we could do the work for \$1100. Ms. Devine stated she is not able to afford to repair it as she cannot even afford oil for heating. Jeff emphasized the importance of getting this fixed as it was still leaking into her home and the costs of the leak on the distribution system. Jeff suggested he could present to the Board that a payment plan of either \$100 or \$50 a month. She agreed she would pay the \$50 a month. After a brief discussion, the Board granted her to pay \$50 a month till the \$1100 is paid off.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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William L. Schenker, Clerk