

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2015

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, January 29, 2015. Chairman John A. Mikuszewski called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 January 7, 2015. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion Carried

E-WASTE MAILING
REQUEST FROM SUSAN
KING:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that Susan King from South Hadley High School is asking us to insert an e-waste flyer into our bills for the April 2015 billing as we have done in the past. Jeff reminded the Board that this insert does not affect our postage costs at all. The Board agreed to help out the High School Band & Choir by allowing the insert into our bills for April.

NEWTON STREET WATER
MAIN BREAK 1/17/15:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that on January 17th there was a water main break across from the pond near the High School. The break happened at about 11am and was one of the more difficult repairs as the water line is wedged between the sewer and a drain line. The maintenance crew replaced about 8 feet of pipe. Mass Highway allowed us to use a cold patch until spring when asphalt is available.

BUDJET DISCUSSION:
DISCUSSION:

Jeff Cyr updated the Board that he was in touch with the MWRA regarding our water rates for FY16 and Jeff was informed that the rates would not increase any more than 2.5% or \$17,000 for FY16. Jeff also spoke with Thomas Scanlon from Scanlon and Associates Auditing, about creating a new account for future Critical Infrastructure (i.e.: Rt. 116, Rt. 202, Ludlow pipeline). Mr. Scanlon suggested that we could either add to our Stabilization account or we could start a new account earmarked for costly large future water replacements. William L. Schenker voiced concern about adding to the Stabilization Account as the D.O.R. (Dept. of Revenue) does not like an account to be much higher than \$700,000 and currently our Stabilization account is at 670,000. Jeff suggested we could start with \$50,000 to fund a new account from either Water Stabilization or Water Surplus. Our next Budget meeting is with the Prudential Board on February 5th.

- STATE POLICE REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL DRIVE:

Jeff Cyr reported to the Board that he had been contacted by MA State Police officers Michael Tucker and Jim Driskell. The officers indicated they needed room to store truck scales and asked if they could store them at the Industrial Drive Tank. Jeff noted there is a trailer for Verizon currently and felt there is enough room for one additional trailer. After a brief discussion the Board agreed it would be ok.
- TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY SKATING RINK:

Jeff Cyr reported he has been asked as in previous years if we could furnish water at the Beachgrounds for a skating rink for public use. After a short discussion David T. Daly made a motion for District No. 1 to furnish water for the skating rink at the Beachgrounds requested by the Town of South Hadley. The motion was seconded by William L. Schenker.

Motion Carried
- DENTAL SURVEY:

Jeff Cyr reported to the Board that he had put together a survey for the Water Department employees to see if they were covered under our current Sunlife Dental plan and if they would be covered under the Guardian Dental plan the treasurer was researching. The Fire Department was doing a similar survey. These surveys will be reviewed at the joint meeting on February 5th and decide which coverage is best for the District as a whole. Jeff noted that District No. 2 is currently looking into Guardian Dental as well for their employees.
- MOTION TO ADJOURN:

William L. Schenker made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by David T. Daly.

Motion carried
- ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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William L. Schenker, Clerk