

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2015

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, March 19, 2015. 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 February 5, 2015. This motion was seconded by John A. Mikuszewski. Motion Carried

ALVORD ST. TANK INTERIOR PAINTING UPDATE: Jeff Cyr updated the Board that the project has gotten off to a rocky start. Ray Koren from Worldwide Industries contacted Jeff and wanted to get started as there is a June 1st deadline to be completed. March 12th was warm as Jeff started to drain the tank, on March 13th the hatch was opened and it was discovered that there was still quite a bit of ice in the tank. On Monday, March 16th the maintenance crew put some water back into the tank to try and break up the ice. On Tuesday they re-drained the water and broke up some of the ice. Jeff noted that the ice is about 3 to 4 feet thick on both the bottom and sides of the tank. Right now the hatch at the bottom is open. Jeff notified both the DEP and Fire Station that the tank is offline. Worldwide Industries has their equipment on site and will return in a few weeks when the weather warms up. Jeff showed the Board pictures of the ice inside the tank and one picture shows the weld half way up the tank may be bent. Jeff noted if in fact the weld is bent, it could be reflection of the ice and water movement and will need to be fixed during the painting process. Jeff will update the Board as things progress.

NEWTON ST. LEAK 2-19-15 (COUPLING): Jeff Cyr informed the Board that on February 19th there was another leak near Haig Avenue. The leak was not a pipe failure but a rotted coupling from a repair about 12 years ago. Jeff noted that clay soil rotted the coupling even though the coupling and pipe were surrounded by stone prior to flowable fill. Jeff noted that that type of coupling is no longer used and has been replaced by an epoxy coated coupling. In addition, the joint is wrapped in plastic to prevent possible corrosion.

WATER MAIN PROJECTS FOR FY16: Jeff Cyr informed the Board the water main projects to be completed for FY16 is Highland Avenue and Hildreth Avenue. Hildreth Avenue had a very significant break 2 years ago due to the main being extremely deep. Highland Avenue Jeff believes has a lot of clay soil and has incurred three breaks within the past ten years.

**NEWTON STREET (RT 116)
FUTURE REPLACEMENT:**

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that with the start of our new Critical Infrastructure account we should start thinking of getting an idea of the costs to replace the water main on Newton Street. Jeff noted that there will most likely be cost challenges and we may have to Bond a portion of the project. The Board suggested we invite Senate President Stan Rosenberg and State Representative John Scibak to a Board Meeting to discuss any future work being performed on that road.

**TELEPHONE PROBLEMS
IN OFFICE:**

Jeff Cyr advised the Board that we had 2 out of the 5 phone connections fail in the office. The first phone stopped working on February 13 and the second on March 4, 2015. Jeff called Valley Communications out of Chicopee, Ma to fix the first phone by reconnecting the bad terminal jack to different terminal jack. The second repair we were told that condensation coming from the exhaust pipe caused significant corrosion causing failed circuits on the board. Valley Communications replaced the circuit and Jeff Cyr insulated the exhaust pipe to hopefully prevent further problems.

WATER LINES FREEZING:

Jeff Cyr notified the Board that with the harsh winter and cold the District has had 5 customer water line freeze ups.

**GRANBY ROAD WATER
LINE ISSUE:**

Jeff Cyr advised the Board that 333 Granby Road called with extremely dirty water recently. Shortly after 333 Granby Road called the neighbor at 335 Granby Road called with no water. The Maintenance Crew determined that their water line was frozen and dug the service to thaw it out. Jeff noted that he has since been investigating where isolation valves are located in order to flush the line through the one fire hydrant on the 4" main. Jeff stated that he and the crew will continue to investigate and locate all the gate valves for the 4" main on Granby Road.

**LETTER FROM
JUBINVILLE INS.:**

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that he received a letter from Cary Jubinville of Jubinville Insurance in South Hadley requesting an opportunity to compete for the Water Departments business insurance (See Note 1). Jeff researched the minutes and found the last time the Department went out to bid for Insurance coverage was back in 1990. The Board suggested in fairness to the ratepayers the Department should see if we can save money and go out to bid prior to the FY17 budget planning..

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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William L. Schenker, Clerk