

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2015

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Chairman John A. Mikuszewski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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| 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 March 19, 2015. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion Carried

ALVORD ST. TANK INTERIOR PAINTING UPDATE: Jeff Cyr updated the Board that that he has spoken to Chris Koren from Worldwide Industries and there is still significant amount of ice inside the tank. Chris Koren informed Jeff he and his crew were hoping to get started on the project the week of May 4, 2015. Jeff noted the June 1st deadline to complete the painting of the tank by Worldwide Industries will need to be revised once they are on site. Jeff will update the Board as things progress.

PROPOSALS TO POWER WASH INDUSTRIAL DRIVE TANK: Jeff Cyr informed the Board that he received 3 proposals to clean the exterior of the Industrial Drive water tank. (See Note 1). Jeff noted that several pictures revealed substantial amount of bird feces over the top and sides of the tank. Jeff mentioned to the Board that there is enough money in the Tank Upkeep account to complete the project. After a brief discussion William L. Schenker made a motion to accept the quote from National Wash Authority for \$9,995 to clean the exterior of the Industrial Drive Tank. This motion was seconded by David T. Daly. Motion Carried

REQUEST FROM LION'S CLUB FISHING DERBY 5-16-2015: Jeff Cyr informed the Board that he received a letter from Chairman, Chris Daly of the Lions Club (See Note2). The Lions Club would like to hold the 17th Annual Myron Ryder Fishing Derby on Saturday May 16, 2015 at the Water Department Leaping Wells Reservoir. As in previous years the Lions Club will furnish the District with Liability Insurance for \$2,000,000. After a brief discussion, David T. Daly made a motion to approve use of the Reservoir by the Lions Club on May 16, 2015. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion Carried

VEHICLE DISCUSSION:

Jeff Cyr notified the Board that the money that was budgeted for buying a new W1 pickup truck may have to be put on hold for a while. Jeff informed the Board that in the past 3 years we have had to put about \$8000 into repairs for W3. Jeff noted that recently W3 has issues with oil pan is filling up with diesel fuel and will need to be fixed. Jeff Cyr and Wayne Walton (Foreman) discussed that it may be better to get a new W3 1 ton vehicle and single wheel instead of a dual wheel truck. After a brief discussion the Board agreed that getting a new W3 took precedence over getting a new W1 for the next fiscal year as this is the main maintenance truck.

**BONDING FOR FUTURE
NEWTON STREET
WATER MAIN:**

Jeff Cyr spoke with Monica Walton, Treasurer of the District and Town Administrator Michael Sullivan about the steps required for bonding money to replace water main on Newton Street in order to determine yearly payment costs. Monica Walton checked with our current bank Easthampton Savings and they do not do bonding for municipal entities. Jeff then met with Town Administrator Mike Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan said that David Eisenthal is the towns' bond advisor and he can put together some 20 and 30 yr. bond projections for the Newton Street project using the towns bond rating as the District is not rated for bonding. Jeff informed the Board that due to project cost, we may qualify for Statehouse Bonds. Jeff will keep the Board updated.

2014/2015 BUDGET:

Jeff advised the Board that we have billed the last quarter for FY 2014/2015 and if we collect every penny that is outstanding along with what we've collected for Miscellaneous we will only have a surplus of \$3400. FY14 produced a surplus of approx. 63,000.00. Jeff reminded the Board that we took a significant amount of money out of surplus to fund the FY16 fiscal year budget.

**LEAPING WELLS
BEAVERS:**

Jeff Cyr updated the Board that he contacted Joe Robidoux of Forest Edge Wildlife & Pest Control of Leverett, MA about removing the remaining family of Beavers. Joe Robidoux informed Jeff he will need a permit from the Board of Health after April 15th to remove the remaining Beavers. Jeff contacted Sharon Hart, Director of Board of Health and she will need to review our application and visit the site in order to issue a 10 day permit for the removal.

**LUDLOW ROAD
PIPE FROM LEAK:**

Jeff Cyr notified the Board that on April 4th we received a call from a resident of Ludlow Road about excessive water on Ludlow Road. The Maintenance crew attempted to locate where the water was coming from but was unable to hear the precise location due to snow melting and running down street. The Maintenance crew shut the main down for 2 hours and was able to find the leak in front of 11 Ludlow Road. The crew took out a 4 foot section and found spider cracks and the outside of the ductile iron pipe was disintegrating. Jeff was intrigued and contacted Ken Rickvalsky who is a specialist in ductile iron. Ken offered to meet Jeff and take the piece of ductile iron back to his company to test why the pipe failed free of charge. Jeff noted that Ludlow Road was replaced back in 1983 or 1984 and that Ludlow road is under a higher pressure area at 135 psi. Jeff will keep the Board updated on the findings.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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William L. Schenker, Clerk