

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2017

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, October 11, 2017. Clerk William L. Schenker 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: William L. Schenker made a motion to approve the minutes of September 7, 2017. This motion was seconded by David T. Daly. Motion Carried

MWRA WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT: Jeff Cyr updated the Board that he spoke with Pamela Heidell, Policy and Planning Manager of MWRA. Jeff asked Pam if we could put into the agreement language if there were ever a merger with District 2 and if it would trigger as a new water supply. Jeff noted that right now MWRA allows us 3.8 million gallons per day for water. Jeff said the MWRA did flow testing of the CVA and decided to change what we are allowed to receive down to 3.2 million gallons a day. This decision was based on the refurbishing of the Governor's Cage as part of the redundancy project. Without Governor's cage, the water running inside of the CVA had been creating a vacuum which jeopardized the integrity of the CVA. Jeff feels as though the reduction would be ok because Nash Hill stores 23 million gallons and our water tanks together store 3 million gallons. Jeff noted that at our peak periods in the summer months we've only used 2.4 million gallons during a peak day.

TREE HARVESTING ACCOUNT UPDATE: Jeff Cyr informed the Board that he spoke to Thomas Scanlon of Scanlon and Associates, auditors to the District. Tom informed Jeff that in 2015 there was a change of positions at the Dept. of Revenue and the new person in charge said that the Timber Harvesting Account wasn't a valid reserve account and needed to be closed and transferred to surplus. The Board was surprised that they didn't require our Board to make a motion to close it and send a letter to the Treasurer as we have done so in the pas with other accounts.

UPDATE ON COMBINING FIRE DISTRICTS: John A. Mikuszewski informed the Board he attended a meeting at Water District 2 with Kevin Taugher, Chairman of District 1 Prudential, Frank DeToma, Chairman of District 2 Water Commission and Kenneth McKenna District 2 Prudential Chairman. John Mikuszewski presented Board with a worksheet Kevin Taugher put together of Tax Impact of Combining the Districts (See Note 1). John stated that the meeting was informative and all parties thought if a merger were to be seriously considered that a business plan should be done by a CPA.

John indicated that the general consensus was that there was no great interest in a merger by the either Districts. John Mikuszewski did say it would be good for the Districts to meet on occasion to discuss common problems and solutions. John Mikuszewski noted that Kenneth McKenna stated that if a merger were to happen he felt as though the staff would not be affected.

HYDRANT PAINTING
REQUEST BY SO. HADLEY/
GRANBY GIRL SCOUTS:

Jeff Cyr was notified by the Girl Scouts that there was not enough interest this year in painting of the Fire Hydrants for the District.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEMORIAL
PARK PROJECT:

Jeff Cyr updated the Board that our Maintenance Crew would be doing the excavating for the Michael E. Smith Middle School Memorial project starting Friday, October 12th. The new Memorial Park will be in the back of the parking lot and will be a Community Build project.

APPLICATION FOR
NEWTON STREET:

Jeff Cyr presented to the Board the Application submitted to the MWRA for Financial Assistance for the Newton Street Water Main project. The application was sent to the MWRA on October 5, 2017 by Tighe & Bond engineering. Jeff is hoping to go out to bid by December 2017 for a Spring 2018 start.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

John A. Mikuszewski made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by William L. Schenker
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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William L. Schenker, Clerk