

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2019

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, January 10, 2019. William L. Schenker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Clerk William L. Schenker  
Associate Member Evelyn R. Mikuszewski  
Superintendent Jeffrey A. Cyr  
Foreman Jeffrey L. Levreault  
Chairman (Prudential Committee) Michael J. Wozniak

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Michael J. Wozniak requested a moment of silence for our recently deceased Commissioners, John A. Mikuszewski and David T. Daly.

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 November 15, 2018 and December 6, 2018. This motion was seconded by Evelyn R. Mikuszewski. Motion Carried

MAINTENANCE FACILITY ROOF: Jeff Cyr notified the Board that the Maintenance building received a new roof, done by A&J Home Improvements, Inc. The cost was \$9950 and took the crew about a week to complete.

UCMR4 SAMPLING: Jeff Cyr informed the Board that he and Ron Motyka recently attended a meeting about UCMR4 sampling. Jeff was notified by the MWRA that the EPA is requiring certain communities to take special UCMR4 samples. UCMR4 stands for Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule. It was established in 2016 and requires monitoring for 30 chemical contaminants in drinking water. Some of the things that are tested are alcohol, metals and pesticides in water. Jeff noted that we were not given a lot of notice to budget for the sampling. The total cost of the 4-quarter sampling will cost \$15,020 plus the cost of shipping overnight to Indiana. (See Note 1) Jeff said we were fortunate the total cost would be split up between our current fiscal year and FY20. Jeff will keep the Board updated about the sampling results.

FY20 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION: Jeff Cyr presented to the Board a preliminary budget for FY20. (See Note 2) Jeff informed the Board that retirement will increase 6% and health insurance is anticipated to increase 8%. Jeff noted that he has not yet received a figure from Leo Norton of the MWRA on what our water purchase figure will be. The Water Main Replacement Account is not being funded this year as we can use the remaining money borrowed for the Newton Street Water Main Replacement project for water mains. Jeff is suggesting funding a New Backhoe account as the backhoe is 16 years old and we can still get a reasonable trade in toward a new backhoe. The budget funds the Stabilization, Meter replacement, Leak Detection

OPEB and Critical Infrastructure. Jeff noted that we have \$1,181,000 in surplus to help offset the budget.

PRESSURE REGULATING  
VALVE ON SO. HADLEY  
GRANBY LINE:

Jeff Cyr advised the Board that the valve that is on New Ludlow Road on the South Hadley, Granby line failed and was unable to hold its position indicating leakage through the leather seals on the valve piston. The valve was installed in 2002 at the same time our SCADA system was implemented. Jeff noted that Ross Valve out of Troy, NY gutted the valve and replaced it and noted that most valves like this one usually last 8 – 10 years. The cost for Ross Valve was \$2300.00 including parts.

MASS MUNICIPAL  
CONFERENCE:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board he will be attending a Mass Municipal Conference next Friday in Boston.

INTRODUCTIONS TO  
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Michael J. Wozniak asked the 3 attendees interested in running for Water Commissioner to introduce and tell the Board a bit about themselves. Pete St. Jacques, John Wojciechowski and Scott Williams all spoke about their professional experience and interest in running for Water Commissioner. William L. Schenker mentioned to potential Board members that the previous Board was not always in agreement but respected and listened to one another and always tried to do what was best for the residents of District No. 1. Mr. Schenker also mentioned that the Water Department employees are a talented, hard working group of people and do 95% of the water replacement projects in our district themselves. Regardless of who the new Board will consist of, he would like to see the current method of operation continue.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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William L. Schenker, Clerk