

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING OF MAY 16, 2019

REGULAR MEETING: The joint meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners with the Prudential Committee was held at the 144 Newton Street on Thursday, May 16, 2019. Chairman Michael J. Wozniak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:	Chairman	William L. Schenker
	Clerk	R. Scott Williams
	Associate Member	Stephanie K. Wall
	Superintendent	Jeffrey A. Cyr
	Office Manager	Jennifer L. Fernandes
	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE	
	Chairman	Michael J. Wozniak
	Clerk	Bruce H. Perron
	Associate Member	Kevin E. Taugher
	Treasurer/Clerk	Monica G. Walton

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS: The weekly warrants were signed by all Board Members.

JOINT MEETING W/ PRUDENTIAL
MEMBERS REGARDING RESIGNATION
AND REPLACEMENT OF DISTRICT/
CLERK/ TREASURER:

Bruce H. Perron stated they have received 3 applications so far for the position of District Clerk/Treasurer, Megan Bagg, Christine Curtis and Marie Krause. Bruce Perron stated the Boards have reviewed the applications and made a motion to appoint Marie Krause to the position of District Clerk/Treasurer. William Schenker seconded the motion. Kevin Taugher and Jeff Cyr opposed and stated they would like to have a discussion first before appointing someone. Jeff Cyr noted that salary guidelines have not been discussed and approved. Kevin Taugher asked Marie Krause who was in the audience to tell a bit about herself. Marie stated she has been a CPA for the past 35 years, has experience with auditing receivables, payables and payroll. Michael J. Wozniak asked Marie how many hours she could dedicate to the job. Marie noted she can work 40 hours a week as she currently works for a church part-time and would be interested in the interim position of Treasurer/Clerk position until the next April election. Monica G. Walton stated that the District *has* to appoint a Treasurer/Clerk for the District and have that person bonded. Monica suggested the Board hold interviews before a meeting to give all candidates a fair shot. Monica also noted that the previous day she posted the position on the Mass Municipal Treasurers website as well as for the Franklin and Hampshire Counties. William L. Schenker note he would like withdraw his second to appoint Marie Krause. After a discussion the Boards agreed to hold interviews on Tuesday, May 21st and have a meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd to appoint a Treasurer/Clerk. The Board thought it best to have the Chairman of each Board, Michael J. Wozniak and William L. Schenker

prescreen the applicants before the interviews and invite them to the meeting on Tuesday, May 21st.

Kevin E. Taugher opened up the discussion of what the salary for the interim Treasurer/Clerk should be. Kevin felt as though we should pay the interim Treasurer/Clerk a higher salary as they will not be offering benefits. Jeff Cyr asked if a Treasurer is hired in the interim aren't they eligible for benefits by law because they are filling a full time position even though it is temporary. Kevin Taugher stated he felt as though they are not eligible for benefits. After a brief discussion of what the salary for the interim Treasurer/Clerk would be, William L. Schenker made a motion to pay the interim Treasurer/Clerk a salary range of \$35 - \$45/hr with no benefits. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker.

Motion Carried

Resident Mitchel Malinowski asked if the Boards could put their meeting notices in the Town Reminder so the residents of South Hadley knew when the meetings were. Kevin E. Taugher told Mr. Malinowski the Board would take it under advisement.

LIONS CLUB FISHING DERBY MAY 18 2019:

The Lions Club holds an Annual Myron Ryder Fishing Derby on the 3rd Saturday in May each year 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. Kevin E. Taugher made a motion to approve use of the Leaping Wells Reservoir by the Lions Club on May 18, 2019. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker.

Motion Carried

TOWN REMINDER MEETING NOTICES:

Kevin E. Taugher asked Monica Walton if she could research how far in advance we need to put meetings into the Town Reminder and also how long they remain in the paper. Kevin E. Taugher noted that he believes the meeting notices do not cost anything to run the newspaper. Monica stated she will call them and get their schedule and notify the Board at the next meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

R. Scott Williams made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Stephanie K. Wall.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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R. Scott Williams, Clerk