

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR & SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2014

JOINT MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, December 4, 2014. Chairman John A. Mikuszewski 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: David T. Daly made a motion to approve the minutes of October 30, 2014. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion Carried

ALVORD ST. TANK INTERIOR PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE: Jeff Cyr updated the Board that advertising for painting of the interior of Alvord Street tank went into the paper on December 4th. There is a mandatory Pre-Bid meeting on December 10th, bid due date is December 19th, award to lowest bidder early January and work to begin February, March 2015. (See Note 1). Mr. Joe Harris of Infrastructure Technologies, Inc. brought the itemized bid specs into the office today. Mr. Harris and Jeff Cyr decided to cancel caulking inside the tank and instead use a paint system to accommodate edge issues. A Pax Water Mixer will also be installed inside the tank to circulate water throughout the entire tank. Jeff informed the Board that one of the items originally in the Bid was \$15,000 to repair 18 corroded bolts on the outside of the tank. Jeff Cyr and Wayne Walton started the work themselves by sandblasting the old paint off down to the metal and then applied zinc primer, an intermediate coat and then finally a top coat. Wayne and Scott Levreault finished the remaining bolts. Material costs for the project were about \$800. Jeff will keep the Board updated.

6" LEAK ISSUES ON NEWTON STREET: Jeff Cyr informed the Board that on November 13th there was a leak on the 6" cast iron main on Newton Street in front of 649 Newton Street across from Beers and Story Funeral Home. During the shut-down, our staff broke a couple of 6" valves. One valve in front of # 649 Newton St. was repaired with a fitting the department made but Jeff noted that down the road the valve will eventually need to be replaced. The additional problem valves are at Newton St. and Boynton Ave, an in-line valve between Boynton Ave and Rita Circle. During the repair it was discovered that the Boynton Avenue main was fed by both a 6" and 12" main off of Newton Street. Jeff has the crew cut the feed from the 6" main and now Boynton Avenue is just fed from 12" main off Newton Street. The last valve will be eliminated when the weather is favorable for a road opening.

MEETING WITH GRANBY
PLANNING BOARD
11-17-2014:

Jeff Cyr attended a Granby Planning Board meeting on November 17, 2014 to investigate the possibility of domestic water in Granby's new business district. Granby declared part of Rt. 202 a business district (So. Hadley line up West State Street, Granby). Jeff noted that right now Granby businesses have their own water systems and are required to do their own testing. Granby would like to tie into our water off of Rt. 202 in order to provide both domestic and fire service to that area. Jeff brought the revised MWRA agreement to give to the Board that states we are not able to provide water to them unless it is a hardship case. The Board spoke about pursuing an amended agreement, but Jeff has not heard from any Board member as to whom they need to speak to. Jeff advised the Planning Board to investigate the funding source for the water main work prior to requesting an amended agreement. Jeff will keep the Board updated.

SPRINT LEASE ON
ALVORD ST. TANK:

Jeff Cyr reported to the Board that the Lease agreement for Sprint on our Alvord Street water tank has reached the 20 year mark. Jeff spoke with Erik Backsen from MD7 Management Company about having the agreement extended and increases every 5 years. Sprint has agreed to increase the rent 10% every five-year term. The final draft is done and will be signed by the Prudential Board on December 18, 2014.

DISCUSSION REGARDING
SHOE ALLOWANCE FOR
MAINTENANCE STAFF:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that the Shoe Allowance for the Maintenance Staff is \$150 annually with the boots costing the staff approximately \$300. After a brief discussion William L. Schenker made a motion to increase the Shoe Allowance from \$150 to \$200 annually. This motion was seconded by David T. Daly.
Motion Carried

GUARDIAN DENTAL
REPRESENTATIVE:

Jeff Cyr notified the Board that a representative from Guardian Dental will be at Prudential Committee Meeting held at the Fire Station on December 18, 2014 to discuss Dental benefit companies. The Board asked what the issues we currently with our current provider, and Jeff responded by stating he thought it was a billing issue. Jeff will post the meeting for the 18th.

SENSUS METER ISSUE:

Jeff Cyr updated the Board that he spoke to Sensus regarding their final finding of the failed rebuilt meters we have encountered. Jeff said he was disappointed in their findings as Sensus determined there was a flat spot in an O ring under the register and the nut that secured the register to the meter body had been sandblasted causing the meter to fail. Previously Jeff had been told that there was a part inside the meter register that was contributing to these rebuilt meters to fail. To date we have purchased 417 rebuilt meters, and so far we have found approximately 75 meters that have failed. Jeff had asked Sensus if they could get the series of meter numbers that they determined have this flaw and the office could research by meter number and contact the customer to replace. Sensus responded that the meter numbers we have encountered were not any of the numbers they have found. Jeff said that E.J. Prescott has gone above and beyond

for the department by refunding every failed meter. Jeff will report back to the Board if any other progress is made.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING: The Special meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners with the Prudential Committee was held at the 144 Newton Street, Fire Station on Thursday, December 4, 2014. Chairman Kevin Taugher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE	Chairman	John A. Mikuszewski
	Clerk	William L. Schenker
	Associate Member	David T. Daly
	Superintendent	Jeffrey A. Cyr
	Office Manager	Jennifer Fernandes
	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE	
	Chairman	Kevin Taugher
	Clerk	Gregory Sheehan
	Associate Member	Raymond Miner
	Treasurer	Monica Walton
	Moderator	Mark Beauregard

SPECIAL MEETING WITH PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Water Department Chairman, John A. Mikuszewski read Article 1 to transfer Funds for the Tank Painting Account from the Tank Stabilization Account in the amount of \$715,000. (See Note 2). Prudential Committee Chairman, Kevin Taugher asked if the money being used to paint the interior of the Alvord Street Water tank has any effect on the water rate or tax rate for District 1. Jeff Cyr responded that the money being used has been collected from our monthly Tank rentals from the cellular companies and has no effect on either the water or tax rate. After a brief discussion William L. Schenker made a motion to approve the transfer of \$715,000 to the Water Tank Painting Account from the Tank Stabilization Account. This motion was seconded by Gregory Sheehan.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT: Moderator Mark Beauregard closed the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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William L. Schenker, Clerk