

**Dighton Water District
192 Williams St.
No. Dighton, Ma 02764**

***Paul Pacheco
Sue Medeiros
Edward Swartz***

COMMISSIONERS

Carol A. Stevens
TREASURER

October 20, 2009

A meeting of the Dighton Water District Commissioners was held at the District office at 6:05 P.M. Chairman of the Board, Paul Pacheco called the meeting to order.

A letter sent by Assessor, Carol Beauregard was read by Clerk of the Board, Sue Medeiros. There was a discussion regarding the letter.

Next order of business was the Finance Committee. There was a discussion with the Board and Susan Gustafson, Chairman of the Finance Committee in open session. Paul Pacheco said, "We can't have you on the Finance Committee anymore we just wanted to explain that to you, it's not something we wanted to do, enjoyed having you, you were a lot of help, legally you aren't in the District." Commissioner, Edward Swartz said, "I'd like to add a personal comment to it, thought sending it to Bill McKeon I thought he was going to contact you and I apologize to you finding out in a letter rather than a phone call. Personally apologize for that our understanding once it was sent to Bill moderator's responsibility to handle it sorry for that I apologize for that on a personal level." Susan Gustafson said, "As far as he's concerned once the meeting is adjourned he's no longer working. Question, I'm a taxpayer other areas of this Town which are in the District I may not live in that area." Paul Pacheco said, "Legally you can only have one residence where you're registered to vote. You must be a registered voter in the District to be able to participate." Edward Swartz said, "It comes down to where you lay your head at night." Robert Adams said, "Every one of you people got elected by false pretenses. You need to step away and hold another election. Talking about you Mr. Swartz and Sue. I passed out stickers for that man because he was a write in, stood out here in the parking lot." James Ready of the Finance Committee said,

"Fraudulent vote." Robert Adams said, "One of you people make a motion to have the information we've given you tonight for David Gay have him give you an opinion on it in writing." Edward Swartz said, "So moved." Sue Medeiros said, "Second." Charles Roderigues asked, "Should you have the same Attorney as the Town has?" Edward Swartz said, "Totally separate government agency." Paul Pacheco said, "If there is a conflict David would have to step aside." Edward Swartz said, "Dighton Water District is a government of its own, live under the same guidelines as Town does if you want to say the Water District is its own separate Town, file the same financial paperwork to the state, run elections the same, run on a different calendar it is its own stand alone, Selectmen can advise something that they like, they have no government authority over the Water District. How that was created the last time was because Marc Pacheco was playing some politics and I told him to his face, meeting was set up by the Selectmen because Marc Pacheco wanted it that way, he was playing to his political audience by having us meet with the Selectmen in reality that's not how it has to be."

Special Meeting date was set for November 19, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. Treasurer/Clerk, Carol Stevens mentioned she did not have free cash certified yet. Edward Swartz said, "Free cash, we got free cash e-mail notification." Sue Medeiros said, "I got an e-mail." Paul Pacheco said, "I didn't get it." Carol Stevens said, "I didn't get it." Sue Medeiros said, "I got it from Jen I'll send you a copy."

Warrant Articles were discussed. Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion the Board of Commissioners put an article sum of money \$75,000 to reimburse previously taxed residents for reimbursement." Paul Pacheco said, "Second, all in favor. The ayes have it." Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to transfer from free cash \$250,000 for purposes of well source development and well source enhancement." Sue Medeiros said, "Second." Paul Pacheco said, "All in favor, the ayes have it." Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to transfer \$380,000 to repay USDA loan." Sue Medeiros said, "Second." Paul Pacheco said, "All in favor, ayes have it." Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to transfer \$300,000 to reduce the tax rate." Sue Medeiros said, "Second." Paul Pacheco said, "All in favor, ayes have it." Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to transfer \$20,527.82 for the purpose of funding AECOM contracts." Sue Medeiros said, "Second." Paul Pacheco said, "All in favor, ayes have it." Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to transfer \$500 into water awareness." Sue Medeiros said, "Second." Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to transfer \$4000 into the office account additional funding based on prior year spending." Sue Medeiros said, "Second." Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to transfer \$500.00 into District meeting account." Sue Medeiros said, "Second." Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to transfer \$500 into the Treasurer's account." Sue Medeiros said,

"Second." Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to transfer \$323.26 into the Officer's account." Sue Medeiros said, "Second." Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to transfer \$10,000 from free cash to the reserve account." Sue Medeiros said, "Second." Paul Pacheco said, "All in favor, the ayes have it."

A discussion was held on replacing the Main St. line.

A discussion was held on building a garage on site and moving everyone to 192 Williams St.

A discussion was held on a N.O.N. from D.E.P. and the steps needed to be taken.

Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to approve the warrants." Sue Medeiros said, "Second." Paul Pacheco said, "All in favor, ayes have it."

Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to approve the minutes and the executive minutes of September 14th."

Sue Medeiros said, "I would like to thank Chuck, the crew and everybody, I know you guys worked so hard when we had that problem, you guys were really diligent working really hard getting that done and keeping us informed, I just wanted to thank you."

Superintendent, Monthly Report was reviewed. (Copy attached).

Hydrant Flushing was discussed. Edward Swartz said, "On flushing do you want to do a massive flushing, do it overnight where we're flushing out through the tanks cleaning everything out a good hard flush which may help to eliminate some problems I don't know if it will or not." Prime Operator, Dorian Jefferson said, "Steve recommended we do a uni-directional on Williams St." Edward Swartz said, "Follow recommendations part of steps 1,2,3,4 do the flushing necessary. I make a motion if necessary to do any overnight flushing that the Board gives approval for overtime to be paid to do overnight flushing so we can do the best cleanest flush we can get and not necessarily can happen during the day like the flushing we have to do on Williams St., motion Board give Chuck approval to pay overtime if necessary." Sue Medeiros said, "Second."

When Charles Cestodio reached the section; Proposal for the Tank Antennas, Edward Swartz said, "Ask Steve to draw something up guidelines to utilize."

Charles Cestodio mentioned the meter reader would start reading meters next month.

Building Maintenance was discussed along with driveway markers, hydrant flushing signs and new services.

Edward Swartz said, "I make a motion to adjourn." Sue Medeiros said, "Second." Meeting adjourned at 8:35P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol A. Stevens
District Clerk

Those in Attendance:

Paul Pacheco
Sue Medeiros
Edward Swartz
Susan Gustafson
Robert Adams
Charles Roderigues
Danny Carpenter
James Ready
Ronald Smith
Robert Peixoto
Paul Joly

Charles Cestodio

Carol A. Stevens

Dorian Jefferson

