

Dighton Water District
192 Williams Street
North Dighton, MA 02764

Sue Medeiros
Patrick Menges
Edward Swartz

COMMISSIONERS

Carol A. Stevens
TREASURER

The following meeting was both audio and video recorded.

Monday, March 3, 2014 at 9:30 A.M.
Water District Headquarters

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Patrick Menges, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. on Monday March 3, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS' TOAST: Commissioner Menges asked unanimous consent to dispense with the commissioners toast, Commissioner Swartz so moved.

Patrick Menges suggested approving the minutes while waiting for Chairman Susana Medeiros to arrive.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Patrick Menges entertained a motion that the minutes of the meeting dated Monday 10, February at 7:00 P.M. stand approved as prepared for our approval by the District Clerk, Ed Swartz so moved, Patrick seconded, there was no discussion. Patrick – aye, Ed – aye, the motion carried.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE:

Patrick read a letter from Mr. Donahue regarding the outstanding balance on his water bill. Ed Swartz made a motion that the board invites Mr. Donahue to the next meeting. Patrick seconded the motion, Ed – aye, Patrick – aye, motion passed.

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

Patrick made a motion that the board dispense with the financial report. Ed so moved. Patrick – aye, Ed – aye, the motion carried.

Patrick turned the chair over to Chairman Susana Medeiros upon her arrival.

MEETINGS WITH SCHEDULED GUESTS:

PHIL MARTELLY – The Pines

The Board invited the Administrative Compliance Officer, Charles Cestodio Jr., into the meeting for the discussion on The Pines subdivision.

Phil Martelly explained that they, PMJD Realty, LLC, were developing The Pines subdivision off Pine Street. The original development was designed as a 40B with 45 units. PMJD Realty, LLC has taken The Pines over from the bank. Phil Martelly explained they were going to reduce the subdivision to 24 units but the state rejected their request because it was too small. The plan now is to develop with 32 individual homes. Phil stated that he knows there is a credit at the District on this subdivision and wants to make sure the credit would apply to PMJD Realty, LLC.

Commissioner Ed Swartz stated that the board will need notification from the bank because all the assets got turned into the banks name when the development ceased to exist in its original form. Mr. Martelly will need to provide us with documentation from the bank.

Phil Martelly also stated that they are going to abort one of the two lines in the development. Phil also questioned if they would be able to keep the \$4,000.00 capital improvement fee per unit that started with the original project.

Ed stated Phil would need to bring in documentation showing that 40B rates stay consistent throughout the project.

Phil Martelly requested a letter stating the credit was theirs, PMJD Realty, LLC.. Patrick stated that once everything was cleared up the District will give a letter with credit.

ATTORNEY ROB FREDERICKS – Betterment release and 100 Williams Street

Attorney Fredericks presented to the Board a release for lot 3 on Tony's Way for their signatures.

Attorney Fredericks stated that Attorney Brennan had sent him a letter stating "Please be advised my client rescinds his offer to sell the Williams Street property". Commissioner Swartz motioned to receive and place on file.

Commissioner Menges stated that the District has the authority to take the land by eminent domain.

GARY WILLETTE – Call Back Procedure, Executive Session

Commissioner Swartz motioned to go into executive session under Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) at 9:20 A.M. Patrick seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried. Chairman Medeiros took a roll call, Commissioner Menges – aye, Commissioner Swartz – aye, Commissioner Medeiros – aye.

Chairman Medeiros had motioned to come out of executive session and back into public session at 9:45 A.M., motion carried. Roll call was taken.

Commissioner Menges had a prior commitment and excused himself from the meeting.

Commissioners Medeiros and Swartz signed bank transfers presented by Acting Treasurer Tina Bragga.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Greg Olsen reported that there were two main breaks, one on Route 44 and one in Segregansett Park. Greg stated that the back hoe broke down while on the Route 44 water break, should only be charged by the contractor for the 4 hour minimum. Greg discussed that the break on Susan Road took 3 hours but where we had to call for an emergency detail the District pays for an 8 hour detail. He explained that North Dighton Fire District, Dighton Rehoboth High School and the Dighton Water District are separate entities and therefore must pay the same rates as an outside company. Ed suggested that Greg jointly send a letter from the three entities to the Board of Selectman requesting that the three District's be treated as public entities and follow the same call in procedures as the town for public safety employees necessary in emergency situations. Greg stated that it is written in the Police contract that the three entities are separate. Ed suggested sending a letter to the Board of Selectman notifying them that the three Districts' would like to enter into a negotiated contract for call in procedures with the Dighton Police Department.

Greg reported the employees are in the process of painting 527 Somerset Avenue, National Grid is giving a price to upgrade the out dated lights. Also would like to remove some of the trees at 527, would like to ask the Highway Department to borrow the chipper and then donate the wood to the Lions.

The twenty new radio read meters, gun and software are on site. The rep from Zenner is going to come to the District and train the employees on programing the meters.

The Board, at Greg's recommendation, awarded Tata and Howard the engineering services to analysis and provide a recommendation to the Board on work to the clear wells and installing a permanganate injector on the condition that funding the project passes at District meeting.

Greg reported quotes of \$76,000.00 for two mixers for the Elm Street and Williams Street tanks. He suggested purchasing the Elm Street mixer in fiscal 2015. Ed suggested bonding the project for 5 or 10 years and placing on the Annual Meeting warrant. The Board decided to go with electric mixers unless there are grants available for solar mixers.

Bids have been mailed out and are scheduled to be open at the April 8th monthly meeting. Time clocks were discussed and will be purchased. Greg also discussed personal time.

Ed suggested possible shared services for electrical and plumbing work with the school department. Greg will discuss with the school department.

Greg stated that flushing should start and run all of April.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET AND SPECIAL ARTICLES:

The board reviewed the budget and special articles prepared by Superintendent Greg Olsen and Acting Clerk Tina Bragga.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel Authorization – The board agreed to have Superintendent Olsen be the primary signature on checks during the Treasurers absence. Acting Treasurer Tina Bragga will be authorized to sign in an emergency.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sue announced that the next Water Trust Resource meeting will be Thursday, April 17th, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, April 8th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Sue announced that nominations for Commissioner for three years will be open from March 3rd, 2014 to April 3rd, 2014 with the election being held May 19th, 2014 from 12 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Papers will be available at the District Office. The Annual District meeting is being held Thursday, May 22nd, 2014, place and time to be announced at a later time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: None.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

Ed motioned to adjourn at 10:20 A.M., Sue seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
Acting District Clerk

Those in Attendance:

Sue Medeiros
Edward Swartz
Greg Olsen
Gary Willette

Patrick Menges
Tina Bragga
Attorney Rob Fredericks

Chairman Sue Medeiros

Clerk Patrick Menges

Commissioner Ed Swartz