

Dighton Water District

192 Williams Street
North Dighton, MA 02764

Edward Swartz
Jeffery Cloonan
Sue Medeiros
COMMISSIONERS

Tina Bragga
TREASURER

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
Water District Headquarters

Chairman of the Board of Ed Swartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Sue Medeiros read a letter from Daniel Botelho written on behalf of Bernice Botelho requesting that her property be removed from the Water District. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to refer to Attorney David Gay to review, Commissioner Medeiros so moved, Clerk Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Swartz read correspondence from GZA GeoEnvironmental Engineering regarding the District's engineering design review.

Chairman Swartz read a letter from a District resident regarding a large water usage bill due to an irrigation leak. The resident would also like to install a second meter for the irrigation system. Chairman Swartz stated that the bill has to be paid and to offer an alternate payment plan.

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

Commissioner Medeiros read the financial conditions. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to accept the financial conditions as presented by the Clerk/Treasurer, Commissioner Medeiros so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Intermunicipal Agreement – No update

GIS Mapping – Waiting on Town Hall

BID-OPENINGS:

Clerk of the Board Jeff Cloonan and Superintendent Greg Olsen opened the bids as follows:

Asphalt Patch Repair, Equipment & Labor, Pipe Supplies, Propane, Chlorine, Hydroxide 25% & 50% Solutions, Pacl, Potassium Permanganate, Sodium Permanganate, Citec Polymer , Vehicle Repair and Maintenance. Bid results are attached.

Chairman Swartz stated the bids would be review and recommendation made at the May meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Chairman Ed Swartz entertained a motion to accept and not distribute the executive session of Tuesday March 10, 2015 dealing with personnel matters and meeting with our Attorney. Commissioner Sue Medeiros, so moved, Commissioner Jeff Cloonan seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. Second was to accept the regular meeting minutes of March 10, 2015, Commissioner Sue Medeiros so moved, Commissioner Jeff Cloonan seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

MEETING WITH SCHEDULED GUESTS:

Jeff Tallman of Sitec Wellington Acres regarding Subdivision Fees

Commissioner Cloonan explained that Wellington Acres is a subdivision at the end of Cedar Estates. Jeff Tallman explained that they had reduced the size of the subdivision to 27 lots and that they presently own Tommy's Way, Cedar Estates.

Superintendent Olsen explained that Cedar Estates, Lin's Propane and Cedar Street are all feed by one 8" water line. It was suggested to Wellington Acres to have a connection come in through Smith Street on property that they own. This would help with fire flows, stagnant water and to feed the subdivision. There will be two taps, one on Tommy's Way and one on Smith Street. The one on Smith Street greatly benefits not only this subdivision but the existing area.

Superintendent Olsen explained there would be a \$24,000.00 connection fee to be paid prior to starting. The District will inspect the water lines as they are being laid and hydrants are going in, development will be billed monthly for inspections. At this point you can do your services, pressurize, chlorinate and give the District your results that it is good and we turn it on. As you start to develop each lot you are required to pay the application fee of \$1,000.00 and Capital Improvement Fees \$6,000.00 per lot. Greg explained the developer can put in the entire road, all the stubs to the lots all under the original connection fee.

Jeff Tallman stated there was an area in the development that they would like to irrigate, what would they need to do for this. Superintendent Olsen stated they could put in a meter pit for service, the meter and a check valve which could be billed to the Home Owners Association for the development. Jeff Tallman requested if he could get a waiver on putting in ductile line pipe the answer was no.

Chief Tony Roderick – District Training

Chief Roderick updated the board on the deficiencies that were found at the District during the recent training he ran at the treatment plant for the employees. The first being a gas meter for confined space needs to be addressed as soon as possible. The Scott air packs have never been serviced may need to get new ones. Chief Roderick and his department are more than happy to do training on these. Superintendent Olsen will be giving Chief Roderick a list of confined spaces as to improve on safety plans for the Fire Department and the District to have a better working relationship together. Also missing from the Knox box is a key to the office. Lastly there should be carbon monoxide detectors in the well houses and plant that should be hard wired into the alarm system.

The Board, Superintendent and Fire Chief discussed communication issues in regards to the cell phones versus two way radios.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:

District Accountant/Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Position

Chairman Swartz made a motion to appoint Kim Rodrigues as our District Accountant/Assistant Clerk/Treasurer with a starting date of May 4th. Commissioner Medeiros so moved, all were in favor.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Olsen reported that there has been yellow water in Center Street, Somerset Avenue and the Stonegate Landing areas. The water has been being pushed at the treatment plant because of vacation time that needed to be taken and unforeseen circumstances which resulted in yellow water. Flushing will be starting April 27th.

The District through the efforts of Sergeant Dutra and the police department now has a new tow behind generator. Have spoken with our electrician in regards to getting a cost for a temporary hook up for Cedar #2 and Cedar #3.

There has been 150 meter replaced in the meter replacement program. Superintendent Olsen explained that the new meters are radio frequency, they have to be programmed into each house. There is only one programmer which cost \$7,000.00, doesn't make since to buy more than one at this price. You have to have this programmer at each house and swipe a magnet across the meter when replaced to pick up the GPS (Global Positioning System) coordinates. We will be buying another 40 meters before the end of the fiscal year with an estimated 200 meters replaced before the end of the fiscal year. Superintendent Olsen explained to the Board his procedure for tagging homes to request a meter change out. The Board suggests putting out more tags in order to increase the meter replacement. Notice will be placed on the web site.

The District through Tata & Howard has applied for the Water Infrastructure Grant.

Chairman Swartz requested that a letter be sent to Senator Pacheco in regards to the status of the \$500,000.00 for the Environmental Bond Bill for the Dighton Water District well field protection.

Superintendent Olsen reported there will be a preconstruction meeting regarding the tank mixers. The engineers suggest we reach out to AT&T and T Mobile so they are aware of what we are doing. The antennas will not be affected by the work to be done to install the tank mixers.

Chairman Swartz recommended that the printing of the CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) be awarded to Davol Printing of 330 Winthrop Street for \$380.00. Commissioner Medeiros so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, all were in favor.

Superintendent Olsen explained to the Board that the property at the end of Julian's Way has become one lot, there had been plans to extend the subdivision. The Board stated to treat this property as a form A lot.

There was a discussion on the sediment in the clear wells at the treatment plant. Superintendent Olsen stated that there was 4 or 5 inches of sediment at the bottom of the clear wells in 2013 that was removed. Greg stated that we need to have the report done again. There should not be any sediment in the clear wells, this is where the finish water goes out to the system. When the clear wells are cleaned, the company just vacuums the bottom, the walls are not touched. The walls are black, we will need to have the clear wells half drain and scrubbed to remove. This is one of the situations that Tata and Howard, the District's engineer, are working on.

Superintendent Olsen updated the Board on the fire line for 1209 Somerset Avenue. Also discussed was trying the services of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., to review new subdivision plans submitted to the District.

Chairman Swartz requested a letter be sent to the Planning Board, Zoning Board and the Conservation Commission that the Water District does not refuse plans from developers. If a developer claims they were refused at the Water District it is due to the fact they did not pay the \$5,000.00 that is required, similar to the Planning Board, Zoning Board and the Conservation require in order for having the plans reviewed. The District should be part of the comprehensive process so we have input on new developments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fiscal 2016 Proposed Operating Budget and Special Articles – The Board reviewed the annual warrant. Chairman Swartz made a motion to approve the warrant as amended and will sign after the changes are made. Commissioner Medeiros so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, all were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be May 12, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. Annual District Election will be May 18, 2015 from noon to 7:00 PM. Annual District Meeting will be May 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Dighton Middle School.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

The board went into executive session to discuss job and plan description for reorganization and will not be coming back into regular session. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to go into executive session under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21 (1) Commissioner Medeiros so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded. Roll call was taken.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Those in Attendance:

Edward Swartz
Jeffrey Cloonan
Jeffrey Tallman

Sue Medeiros
Tina Bragga
Chief Tony Roderick

Greg Olsen
Jim Ready

Chairman Ed Swartz

Clerk Jeff Cloonan

Commissioner Sue Medeiros