

**Dighton Water District
192 Williams Street
North Dighton, MA 02764**

**Edward Swartz
Jeffery Cloonan
Dorian Jefferson
*COMMISSIONERS***

**Tina Bragga
*TREASURER***

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.
Water District Headquarters

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Ed Swartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Chairman Ed Swartz entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 Board meeting, Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Swartz read correspondence from Gay & Gay in response to the proposal submitted by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for installation of wireless telecommunication equipment on the water tank located at 1522R Williams Street. Chairman Swartz would like to notify Verizon Wireless prior to signing the contract that six months prior to the five year renewal both party's meet to negotiated the increase. Swartz asked for a motion to accept the correspondence, Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The Board was presented with an outstanding invoice for engineer services for Somerset Woods. District will pay invoice and a letter will be sent to Somerset Woods stating the District expects reimbursement for services.

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

Chairman Swartz read the financial conditions and asked for a motion to accept the financial reports. Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to approve the warrants as presented, Commissioner Jefferson so moved,
Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Cathal O'Brien reported that the District has received \$49,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the Attorney General. Thanks to previous staff, Charles Cestodio Jr., their diligence and record keeping the District received a settlement payment for pipe that had been used in district. Cathal would like to use the funds to relocate Cedar 1. Chairman Swartz suggested he prepare an article for the Annual District meeting designating the funds for this purpose.

The Annual Statistical Report and the Consumer Confidence Report are on schedule.

The treatment plant has been running fine.

The citric acid treatment had not been performed because of the snow.

There was a discussion on the Elm Street tank that the district has been draining 10 to 15 feet each week as part of preventative maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meter Program – Superintendent O'Brien reported that 33 meters have been replaced with digital read meters since the January 19th meeting.

Intermunicipal Agreement –The current Taunton connection does not have VHD's or SCADA controls. Woodward & Curran have proposed \$4,969.00 for engineer services to evaluate this pump station. Cathal suggested holding off until there is something tangible.

GIS Mapping – Will be speaking to Heidi Swist of the planning board in regards to mapping.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Rates/Fees – Draft – Superintendent O'Brien and the Board discussed the rate changes. Meter fee and fire line fees will be eliminated, minimum fee will go from \$65.00 to \$70.00 per bill for in district and \$160.00 to \$170.00 out of district. There will be a posted rate hearing prior to July. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to schedule a public rate hearing for some time prior to July be scheduled by the clerk, Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and Special Articles - The Board was presented with a draft warrant for the Annual District for their review. Superintendent O'Brien will present the entire budget at the March Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The District is looking for anyone interested in being on the Water District Finance Committee. Members will review budgets and make recommendations. Anyone interested please contact Tina at the District office 508-824-9390.

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is February 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Next Regular Meeting of Commissioners – March 8, 2016

Nominations for Commissioner for three years will be open from March 4, 2016 to April 4, 2016, papers available at the District Office

Annual District Election - May 16, 2016 from noon to 7:00 PM

Annual District Meeting - May 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM

PUBLIC INPUT: none

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Ed Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Chairman Ed Swartz

Commissioner Jeffrey Cloonan

Commissioner Dorian Jefferson