

**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, July 12, 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, July 12, 2016.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:**

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 21<sup>st</sup>, Commissioner Dorian Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Jeff Cloonan seconded and all were in favor. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to accept the executive session of June 21<sup>st</sup> without release, Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Swartz read a request from the Clerk/Treasurer to carry over unused vacation time into fiscal 2017. Motion was made and seconded, all were in favor.

**FINANCIAL CONDITION:**

Chairman Swartz reviewed the budget to actual report. The Board anticipates free cash will be a decent amount. After free cash is certified the Board will look at capital projects and the tax rate. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to accept the profit and loss report. Jefferson so moved, Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Swartz asked for motions to accept the following transfers:

To transfer \$837.09 from account 450-524-05-00 Wells to 450-530-01-00 Education and Training

To transfer \$1,848.27 from account 450-524-05-00 Wells to 450-524-01-00 R&M Vehicles

To transfer \$7,609.61 from account 450-524-05-00 Wells to 450-530-04-00 Outside Contractor

To transfer \$1,232.00 from account 450-524-05-00 Wells to 450-530-06-00 Police Detail

To transfer \$725.00 from account 450-524-05-00 Wells to 450-581-01-00 New Equipment

Motions were made and seconded, motions passed unanimously.

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

Chairman Swartz entertained a motion to encumber \$20,000.00 for the FY 17 Audit, Jefferson so moved, Cloonan seconded and all were in favor.

## SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Cathal O'Brien reported that half the services for the capital improvement renewal project have been completed. The cross connection testing is complete for commercial/industrials and we will be starting the irrigation testing next. Lead and copper samples are scheduled for August. Water qualities have been very good so far to the plant, no issues this summer. Disinfection by products are all down and the numbers are in to the state. The valve at Main and Elm Street has been opened a little after the board's feedback in June and is working excellently.

District employees will not be attending Plymouth County Water Works tradeshow and training this year. Four employees will be going to Ferguson Water Works Mueller Training class the end of the month. This is a free class that will give each employee 5 credits. Employees will most likely be going to the New England Water Works tradeshow in August. Cathal thanked Tom Ferry of the Highway department, District employees will be attending a renewal class for hoisting with highway employees.

Superintendent O'Brien met with Ben Levesque of Tighe & Bond's, Ben is a consulting engineer. Ben has some suggestions after walking the District wells and will prepare a proposal to bring to the District's September meeting. Would like to recreate Cedar #2, put more wells in the ground to get more water with less resistance. This will not require additional registration or permit.

The District purchased 3 new PH probes, will replace as previous staff had requested. The Commissioners and Cathal discussed the Mass Rural Water Works renewal. Ed thinks it is a good resource to have. Cathal will look into further.

Superintendent O'Brien reported that there was a customer on Jennifer Lane helping himself to district water without our permission. Foreman Greg Olsen brought to Cathal attention. The customer called today and admitted he had been taken water. The board discussed, customer will be charge per the bylaws.

Highway Superintendent Tom Ferry had been working at the Zenica site and found chlorine in the drain on Main Street. Superintendent O'Brien and Foreman Olsen worked together to find a small service leak at the curb box causing the problem. The bleeder was shut off and problem solved.

Selectwoman Nancy Goulart spoke with Cathal in regards to two hydrants the town would like moved. The town will be running a sidewalk from the intersection of Center Street and Somerset Avenue to connect with the sidewalk the state did with the bridge project. The Board discussed and Cathal will look into further.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Meter Program – Will be purchasing new meters.

Intermunicipal Agreement – Cathal met with Taunton, he believes fluoride may be the only issue. Taunton adds fluoride to their water where Dighton does not. Somerset also adds fluoride to their water.

GIS Mapping – No news

Meter Fee – Chairman Swartz stated that the District bills for water usage in arrears. Because of this the new water rate and removal of the meter fee will be reflected in the January 2017 billing.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEETING WITH SCHEDULED GUESTS – Attorney Thomas P. Killoran & Bernard Miranda, Hunters Hill – Attorney Killoran presented a map of the Hunters Hill and Hart Street area. Mr. Miranda would

like to extend the main on Hart Street into the Hunters Hill development. Attorney Killoran stated that the thought process has to do with water pressure not only within Hunters Hill but would help with other properties being serviced by the water. Chairman Swartz stated that where they are requesting to run water main is out of the district. Under the Districts bylaws a majority of the property owners would need to apply to the District. Mr. Miranda asked if the District would help with the extension of the water main. Chairman Swartz stated that the installation of the main would be at the developer's expense. The District doesn't have the money to put a main in, may be able to supply something if all resident's tie into the new main and become part of the District. The Board would have to see something written out with cost and benefits to the District and what the recommendation of the staff would be.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is September 13, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** none

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Ed Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga  
District Clerk

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Chairman Ed Swartz

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Commissioner Jeff Cloonan

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Commissioner Dorian Jefferson