

**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, October 11, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.
Water District Headquarters

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Ed Swartz called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 20th, Commissioner Dorian Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Jeff Cloonan seconded and all were in favor.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE:

Superintendent Cathal O'Brien read a notice of public hearing from the Zoning Board of Appeals for Wednesday October 19th. An application was submitted by Kenny Sousa for 1909 Maple Street. Doesn't appear to affect the District.

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

Chairman Swartz reviewed the budget to actual report, receivables report and account balances. Chairman Swartz 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, Jefferson so moved, Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Cathal O'Brien reported that he would be getting three prices to redevelop Cedar #1 over the winter. Will also look to get a price for an add alternate for pantonite.

O'Brien reported that he has been monitoring the front lagoon at the treatment plant. There was a discussion on having staff move the material by truck to an open area behind the lagoons for drying and freezing. The district will hire a company to remove material after a freeze thaw.

Flushing is still on hold. Wells have come up about a foot. Will update at the November meeting as to if flushing will be done.

Elm Street renewals are done and we are waiting on the contractor to pave. Commissioner Cloonan questioned if the district could purchasing asphalt and doing the repairs for little jobs like this. The board discussed, Superintendent O'Brien will research.

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to accept the Superintendents report, Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meter Program – Cathal reported that there are 3 or 4 cases of meters on hand. Approximately 650 meters have been updated to radio read, this is almost half of residential meters. In fiscal 2016 district personnel replaced 290 meters and 14 meter to date in fiscal 17. The meter program will be re launched shortly.

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – Cathal reported that there is nothing new.

Chairman Swartz asked for the status on Nancy Goulart’s Center Street sidewalk project. Cathal reported that any infrastructure and hydrants that are before the water meter pit we are going to be able to do the work on our own with Charlie Fisher, the District’s excavation contractor. We will not be in the road except for possible one or two renewals before the pit. Everything after the pit will not require the hydrants moved. Cathal would like the District to consider running a new 8” main in the grass beside the sidewalk for future expansion at the school in place of the current 6” main. The 6” main would be abandoned. The school would be responsible to tie into the new main with a possible condition that they let us meter each building individually. The school would be responsible for the fire connections, they would be responsible to let the district staff into each building to install a meter with backflow. We could abandon the meter pit once they complete their work. The board had a discussion and would like Cathal to price out hiring someone to install the tap and having district staff install new main.

NEW BUSINESS:

Distribution Employees to Train at Treatment Plant –Dorian would like to see Distribution workers train at the treatment plant one week at a time. Chairman Swartz asked Cathal to come back to the board with a proposal that shows how you would utilize people at the treatment plant and what his recommendation is.

Special Meeting Warrant – Draft warrant was presented to board.

Sign Special meeting warrant – October 18, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

Special District Meeting – October 25, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is November 15, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC INPUT: none

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 6:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Chairman Ed Swartz

Commissioner Jeff Cloonan

Commissioner Dorian Jefferson