

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

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

**Tina Bragga
*Clerk/Treasurer***

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 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, January 10, 2017.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SCHEDULED GUEST – North Dighton Fire District Chairman Michael Rose
Chairman Michael Rose was unable to attend, we will reschedule for a later date.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the monthly board meeting of December 21, 2016. Commissioner Dorian Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Jeff Cloonan seconded and all were in favor.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Swartz reported that he had received correspondence from Attorney Matthew Costa in regards to scheduling the next negotiation meeting. Tentatively scheduled for February 3rd.

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

Chairman Swartz reviewed the budget to actual and receivable reports. 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 has discussed with the Bristol County Agricultural School the possibility of the District replacing the water main from the Somerset Avenue intersection to the meter pit on Center Street.

Filter three needs the airlines fixed, hoping to have this scheduled by the end of the month. May also add new media to this filter if staff finds that it is low.

The District did not perform the fall flushing and the wells are still recovering from the summer drought which has caused a lot of metals and manganese in the raw water. Because of this we are running summer doses of chemicals which are working fine.

Cedar #1 is due back online after successfully being redeveloped. We are now getting an unmetered 200 gallons per minute from this well. Pipes have been cleaned out and we just need to put the sample tap back together, do a bacteria test then the well will be back online.

Superintendent O'Brien reported he received a price of \$2,500.00 for a pipe cutting chainsaw. This is more than we have left in our new equipment budget line. One of the District trucks is in need of new tires, this line is also short on funds. The Board asked that a request be made to transfer the following from the reserve fund: \$2,500.00 to be added to the New Equipment line for the chainsaw and \$1,000.00 for the Vehicle Maintenance line.

Superintendent O'Brien questioned the Board on the Rules and Regulations and possibly changing the service pipe materials to plastic. The Board would like to keep the present requirement of class 52 cement lined ductile iron pipe.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meter Program – Notices were sent out on the recent billing to all customers that are due for a meter upgrade. There has been a good amount of phone calls from customers to schedule upgrades.

Intermunicipal Agreement – Superintendent O'Brien reported that there has been discusses on a possible subdivision located between Tremont Street and Chase Ave. This would be an ideal opportunity to consider having an intermunicipal agreement. There was also a short discussion on Aquaria water.

Personnel Sick Time Policy – Email policy to Board and add to next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is February 14, 2017 at 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 6:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Chairman Ed Swartz

Commissioner Jeff Cloonan

Commissioner Dorian Jefferson