

**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, March 21, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.
Water District Headquarters

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Ed Swartz called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

SCHEDULED GUEST

Student Project – Hydrant Covers – Matthew & Josh Cohen – Not in attendance
Old Williams Street Subdivision – Arthur Amaral – Not in attendance, District is waiting for updated plans.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the executive session union negotiation meeting of February 10th and monthly board meeting of February 14, 2017. Commissioner Dorian Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Jeff Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence from Thomas Medeiros, President of Dighton Fire Association “Touch-A-Truck Event” was read by Chairman Swartz. Correspondence from Landmark Dividend’s regarding potential purchase of the District cellular leases, Commissioners will review and discuss at the April board meeting. Announced was the 2017 Spring Joint Regional Conference & Exhibition scheduled April 5-6 at the DCU Center and 19th Annual Water Quality Symposium on May 10, 2017.

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

Chairman Swartz reviewed the budget to actual and receivable reports. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to accept the financial reports, Jefferson so moved, Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Cathal O’Brien reported that water samples are completed for the first quarter and are compliant. The Annual Statistical Report was submitted and the District is compliant. The District used seventy percent of our water registration for 2016. Staff is in the process of finishing the clarifier repairs. There were three airlines broken, all are repaired. The last preventative maintenance is the lagoon cleaning which will be done in the next few weeks. Hydrant flushing will begin on April 3rd and run until April 21st. Staff will be flushing from 8:00 P.M. to 3:00 A.M.

Chairman Swartz mentioned Superintendent O'Brien and he would be meeting with the Chairman of the North Dighton Water District for a preliminary discussion on selling water to North Dighton.

O'Brien is in the process of collecting pricing on the Center Street project. The Board asked that a special article be placed on the Annual District Warrant for the Center Street project.

The lift gate truck is in need of repairs estimated cost is \$1,800.00. Chairman Swartz asked that a vehicle list with mileage be prepared for the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meter Program – Superintendent O'Brien reported that there has been 30 meters upgraded since the February meeting. Chairman Swartz suggested when upgrades slow to send out a postcard notice to customers that have not had their meter upgraded. Backflow testing program was discussed.

Intermunicipal Agreement – None

Personnel Sick Time Policy – Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to accept the Personnel Policy as submitted, Jefferson so moved, Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Transfers – Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to transfer \$2,000.00 from the reserve fund to the New Equipment line to purchase a new pipe cutting chainsaw and \$1,700.00 from the reserve fund to the R & M Vehicles line to cover additional repairs and services on district vehicles. Jefferson so moved, Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Operating Budget – Budget was discussed, special articles will be presented at the April meeting. Final Annual Warrant will be signed at the May 9th Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hunter's Hill Development was discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting of Commissioners – April 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Nominations for Commissioner for three years will be open from March 3, 2017 to April 3, 2017

Annual District Election - May 15, 2017

Annual District Meeting - May 25, 2017

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 6:49 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Chairman Ed Swartz

Commissioner Jeff Cloonan

Commissioner Dorian Jefferson