

**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, October 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.
Water District Headquarters

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Ed Swartz called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to approve minutes of the September 12, 2017 monthly board meeting and the executive session for collective bargaining of September 12th, Commissioner Dorian Jefferson so moved, Chairman Swartz stepped down to second, motion passed unanimously.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE: None

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, Swartz seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Cathal O'Brien stated the report of the Elm Street tank cleaning from Underwater Solutions came back fine. There were minor request of painting and power wash the top of the tank. To date have not heard on the progress of the mixer that was removed from the Elm Street tank for repairs. Chairman Swartz asked if there has been any change in the quality of water since the removal of the mixer. Superintendent O'Brien stated it is harder to chlorinate but the water quality has not changed. PCWWA – Plymouth County Water Works Association meeting on water rates was discussed. Cathal O'Brien and Tina Bragga will attend, board may attend.

Long term treatment rule, surface water was discussed. The District will be required to test every other Wednesday.

The Somerset Lab will be closing in May, will bring new lab recommendations to the Board.

Fall flushing was discussed. Ground water is a little low. The District sold over 800,000 gallons a day and the wells need to recover. Water quality is good in the system, very clean. The south side of town needs a flushing. Staff will be flushing on Main Street in front of ICI from one hydrant into the storm drain. May not do a fall flushing this year. Well redevelopment was discussed. There was a discussion on well redevelopment at Cedar and Walker Street well sites.

Superintendent O'Brien stated that the District has more than adequate water supply but going forward may want to recommend not allowing irrigation to new subdivisions. Water bans were suggested but this is tough to control.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meter Program – Superintendent O'Brien reported that there has been 13 replacement meters installed during September. This brings the total digital meters in the District to over 900.

Wireless Telecommunications Williams Street Tank – No construction has started. Appears to be no conflict to our equipment or between the two vendors.

Tank Mixer – Previously discussed.

Special Meeting Warrant – The District is still waiting for free cash to be certified. Draft warrants were presented and discussed. Additional ice piggings will be added to the warrant along with GPS.

Policies – Policies that were approved at the September 12, 2017 meeting were discussed. Superintendent O'Brien stated he removed some of these because of issues. Foreman policy - overtime is not required in the contract, will remove from the Foreman policy. Attendance Policy, there will be a 10 minute grace period not to be abused. Distribution log will be given daily or on their time cards.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:Next Regular Meeting of Commissioners-Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm

PUBLIC INPUT: None

Motion was made and seconded at 6:30 PM to enter into executive session to discuss the proposed union contract, roll call was taken. Meeting did not return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Chairman Ed Swartz

Commissioner Jeff Cloonan

Commissioner Dorian Jefferson

In attendance:
Edward Swartz
Dorian Jefferson