

**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

Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 11:00 A.M.
Water District Headquarters

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Ed Swartz called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M. on Thursday, December 21, 2017.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to approve minutes of the November 14, 2017 monthly board meeting and the tax setting of November 15th, Commissioner Dorian Jefferson so moved, Chairman Swartz stepped down and seconded, 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, Chairman Swartz stepped down and seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Cathal O'Brien reported that F G Sullivan Drilling was the low price to redevelop Cedar 3 and Cedar 1wells. Sullivan will schedule the first full week of January.

SERSG, Southeastern Regional Services Group, was discussed. Cathal has been speaking with Town Administrator, Mallory Aronstein of possible splitting the annual membership fee. SERSG has competitive pricing on supplies the district uses such as chemicals. The District would pay an annual membership fee which we may be able to split with the town. SERSG would keep the district in compliance by taking care of the bidding, any protest and advertising. Cathal will review fees with the Town Administrator.

Planning board has approved Verizon Wireless request to install antennas on the Williams Street tank. Tom Sexton of GZA called in regards to reviewing Verizon Wireless plans but no money is available. Cathal reported there have been four leaks in the last few weeks. Leaks were on Wheeler, Walker, Winthrop and Sesame with two at night and two during the day. Employee responses to call backs were discussed.

Employee treatment and distribution license renewal payments were discussed. Board agreed to pay highest two licenses, one distribution and one treatment per employee. District will pay for required classes to maintain highest license even if in training.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meter Program – Superintendent O’Brien reported that there was 5 replacement meters installed since the previous board meeting.

Policies – The union has requested to meet with the board after the first of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Disposal of Unused Equipment – Chairman Swartz asked for a motion for the disposal of unused equipment. Commissioner Dorian Jefferson so moved, Chairman Swartz stepped down and seconded, motion passed unanimously.

AT&T Consent Letter for Modification – Superintendent O’Brien stated that AT&T wants to make a modification on the Elm Street tank. AT&T is asking to replace and add to the Elm Street tank. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to give AT&T permission for the modification to their antennas on the Elm Street tank. Commissioner Dorian Jefferson so moved, Chairman Swartz stepped down and seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners January 9, 2018.

PUBLIC INPUT: Chairman Swartz and the board wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Motion was made and seconded at 11:25 A.M. to enter into executive session to discuss the proposed contract negotiations with the Superintendent, roll call was taken. Meeting did not return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Chairman Ed Swartz

Commissioner Jeff Cloonan

Commissioner Dorian Jefferson

In attendance:
Edward Swartz
Dorian Jefferson