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WATER DIVISION

Water Commissioners' Meeting October 17, 2017

Members present were: Chairman Dana Blais
Secretary Chris Stewart
Member Gregg Edwards

Employees present were: General Manager (GM) John Driscoll
Water Superintendent (WS) Ron Davan
Business Manager (BM) Jennifer Belliveau

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dana.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Chris seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor.

The minutes of September 13, 2017 could only be approved by Dana and Chris since Gregg did not attend that meeting, 2-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The GM mentioned to the Board the new water Meters for FY2018. He said that most of the larger users have already been replaced; Pine View Apartments on Bridge Street still needed their water meter replaced.

The GM handed out the Q1 FY2018 water sales summary and revenue report. The water usage and water sales were down by 5 MGAL and \$43K when compared to FY2017. The average GAL used was 14,243 and this was up from last year's average of 12,498. The GM stated we brought in \$19,923 in miscellaneous revenue thus far in FY2018.

The GM provided a copy of the bid notice and bid specifications to the Board. The GM and WS had an 8-minute conference call with a prospective bidder. He helped the GM and WS with certain components to the bid specifications. The TMWP will need to have the newer greensand delivered and the experts are the ones who would be removing the older greensand out of the Sawyer St WTP filters. The WS was checking with Kent Songer from Templeton Sewer to see if we could dispose of older greensand materials at their Reservoir St facility instead of paying to transport it to a remote disposal site. He said that after the tray testing only 65% of the older greensand went down the trays; this meant it was worn out. The total cost would be approximately \$40K to \$45K according to the GM. The time allowed for this project would likely be 5 days with a completion date in between November 2017 and March 2018.

New Business:

The GM discussed the Templeton Elementary School Plans. TMLWP has not received a copy of the plans for the school yet, but we have received a few phone calls from contractors regarding the school. The WS said he believes there may be a 4" domestic meter, 2" sprinkler meter and a 1" lawn meter, without a copy of the plans, the WS is not sure if they are having separate lines to the school or one line and separating inside. Either way there will be a 4" line going in. Dana asked what street this will be coming from, WS said Wellington Road. (The GM was pleased with the \$17,900 that could be collected as a connection fee, but it was not yet clear if there would be 3 separate water service lines which would mean \$33,800.)

The GM notified the Board of the no-water status at #14 Prospect St. The TMWP had sent numerous letters to the resident w/o any response to allow us access to change the water meter inside the house. This customer has been off since August 16, 2017. The Board of Health (BOH) had been made aware of this, and the customer is still living there. The GM and the WS weren't sure if the resident was utilizing a well to get by.

The GM also notified the Board of the no-water status at #81 Highland Ave. The TMWP was asked by the resident to shut off this water service. The BOH had been notified, and the resident will be utilizing an older well on the property which has long been the destination for all of the animal waste produced by the property's horse population.

Other:

Ron, WS, stated there was a service leak to #136 Patriots Rd that we had to fix due to the house's being vacant. It was unusual to have found that the groundwater had rotted the pipes from the outside-in, instead of from the inside-out. Dana asked when this service line had been installed; the WS responded that it was 1976 according to the tie card on file.

At 6:22 p.m. a vote took place as follows:

"On a motion by Dana, seconded by Chris, 3-0 in favor the Board voted to suspend the Water meeting Open Session and resume in Executive Session after the Light meeting."

Dana – Aye

Gregg – Aye

Chris - Aye

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 3-0 in favor the Board voted to adjourn the Water meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John M. Driscoll
General Manager