

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 10, 2022

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners held at the department administrative offices, 605 West Queen Street, Southington, Connecticut, on Thursday, March 10, 2022. A recording of this meeting can be found at the Department office.

1.) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Robert Berkmoes.

PRESENT: President Robert Berkmoes, Vice President Erika Pocock, Secretary/Treasurer Rudy Cabata, Commissioner Ralph Warner, Commissioner Thomas Murphy, Commissioner Ronald Lamoreux, Superintendent Douglas Arndt, Office Manager Nancy Sullivan, Recording Secretary Angela Pascariello and Auditor Scott Burleigh.

2.) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

a.) February 10th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Secretary/Treasurer Cabata made a motion to accept the minutes. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Warner. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3.) **COMMUNICATIONS:**

a.) **Communication from the Public:**

None

b.) **Communication from Administration:**

Superintendent Arndt made a request to move Water Rate Financial Planning Study to New Business 5c. Commissioner Warner made a motion to accept moving it to New Business section. His motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Cabata the motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

c.) **Communication from Board Members:**

Secretary/Treasurer Cabata made a recommendation that the department consider allowing the Girl Scouts to place a book exchange on the department's property near Rails to Trails.

Commissioner Warner made a motion to approve under the guidance of Superintendent Arndt. His motion was seconded by Vice President Pocock. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Commissioner Lamoreux inquired about the department's road patches on Canal St. Superintendent Arndt stated as the weather warrants, we will repair any required areas that we have done work to.

4.) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a.) Review of Water Billings & Outstanding Jobbing Bills & Approval of Invoices:

Commissioner Warner made a motion to accept approval of invoices. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Lamoreux. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b.) Review of Financial Statements:

5.) NEW BUSINESS:

a.) Report on 2020-2021 Audit by Budwitz & Meyerjack

Auditor Scott Burleigh was present and discussed the financial statements for the 2020-2021 audit.

b.) 500 Curtis Street Damage Settlement

Superintendent Arndt asked the board to consider compensating a customer \$5,000 due to damage that occurred at their home from a faulty water meter. Commissioner Warner made a motion to approve the payment. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

c.) Water Rate & Financial Planning Study

Superintendent Arndt discussed having a consultant come in to discuss water rates and future financial planning. He will schedule a meeting with the consultant and board members.

6.) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Infrastructure Committee met on Monday March 7th 2022 and discussed numerous capital Projects.

7.) OLD BUSINESS:

a.) Well 10 Construction

Superintendent Arndt provided planning and zoning update and expects the project will be going out to bid end of March.

8.) PERSONNEL MATTERS:

a.) Executive Session Anticipated for Personnel Matters

Personnel and employment matter pursuant to Conn. Stat. Section 1-200(6)

Commissioner Warner made a motion for adjournment to Executive Session at 8:08pm, baring the public but to include Superintendent Arndt and Office Manager Nancy Sullivan. The motion was seconded by Erika Pocock.

Meeting reconvened at 8:49pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice President Pocock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warner at 8:50pm.

Attest: _____


Douglas Arndt, Superintendent