

BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2022, AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

PRESENT WERE: Board of Water Chairman Bassett, Commissioner Whitmore, and Commissioner Mason. Also present: Superintendent Thomas Rooney, and Senior Operator Ronald Tivey.

- Meeting called to order at 2:50 P.M.
- Warrants and payrolls signed.

Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes for September 13, 2022, **seconded** by Commissioner Whitmore. The **motion passed unanimously.**

Acting Superintendent Position

Chairman Bassett informed the Board that Senior Operator was presented a written offer to assume the position of Acting Superintendent, and that Mr. Tivey accepted. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to appoint Senior Operator Ronald Tivey as Acting Superintendent, **seconded** by Commissioner Mason. The **motion passed unanimously.** Superintendent Rooney asked the Board for permission for Acting Superintendent Tivey to hire him on a part time basis to assist with the transition. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to authorized Mr. Tivey to employ Mr. Rooney on a part time basis, **seconded** by Commissioner Mason. The **motion passed unanimously.**

Superintendent Search

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that Municipal Resources has issued five essay questions to eight candidates out of the twelve that submitted resumes. Senior Operator Tivey added that the essay questions we due this morning. The Board discussed the interview process, and decided to conduct interviews on November 15th starting at 12:00 p.m.

Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Rooney Reported that the Emergency Interconnection Project for the water main connection with the Town of Yarmouth Water Department has been completed. Mr. Rooney reported that that contractor for Well #1, Robert B. Our, is waiting for a price estimate for relocating of a light and horn from inside of the building to the outside of the building. Senior Operator Tivey reported that he is working on a new Lead and Copper Sampling Plan. Mr. Tivey explained that MassDEP has cancelled the Reduced Sampling Waiver for the Department. He explained that the addition of chemical treatment at Well #1 is a change in treatment for the water system. He went on to explain the samples must be taken as a "first draw sample" by homeowners on the water system at their residences. Mr. Rooney also discussed the Lead Service Line Inventory required by USEPA and MassDEP needed to demonstrate that the water Department does not have any lead service lines in the water system.

Superintendent Rooney also informed the Board that Water Department is discussions with the Fire Department regarding the Town of Barnstable Building Inspector's requirement for a fire suppression system for the new chemical addition building. The Building Inspector will not issue an Occupancy Permit until a waiver is granted. Mr. Rooney informed the Board the GZA Engineers is seeking to make the project "Fee Exempt" from the Town of Barnstable Building Department. He also informed the Board that the Water Filtration Plant building plans are 90% complete.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the department has been exploring the insurance requirements for the construction phase of the project. Senior Operator Tivey informed the Board that cost estimates for the facility are continuing to go up. He discussed the need to adjust the proposed funding request for the Massachusetts State Revolving Funding.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the Department submitted an a "Letter of Interest" to Barnstable County to request Federal ARPA monies to help pay for the Well #1 PFAS remediation project.

Prudential Committee Chairman William Jones joined the meeting to discuss the creation of a Stabilization Account dedicated to paying for expenses. Mr. Jones explained that the Fire District's Auditor suggested that an account be created for the payment of debt obligations associated with the proposed water filtration plant.

Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By The Chair

Senior Operator Tivey Discussed the need to rehabilitate Well #3. Commissioner Whitmore asked Mr. Tivey to explain what is involved, and what will it cost? Mr. Tivey explained that the well pump must be removed, and the well screen must be cleaned to remove sediment. He informed the Board that the cost may be fifteen thousand dollars.

There being no further business, Chairman Bassett asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Commissioner Mason. The **motion passed unanimously**. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Rooney