

## **BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

June 11, 2019 AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

PRESENT WERE: Board of Water Commissioners: Chairman David Jones and Commissioner Bassett, and Commissioner Whitmore. Also present: Superintendent Thomas Rooney.

- Meeting called to order at 2:35 P.M.
- Warrants and payrolls signed.
- Collectors End of Month Report reviewed and signed
- Superintendent's Projects Report reviewed

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to accept the previous Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to accept the Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2019 **seconded** by Chairman Jones. The **motion passed unanimously.**

### **Capital Improvement Projects**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the newly painted roof to Water Storage Tank #2 was rust stained from metal filings that drifted onto the roof Tank #2 from the roof of Tank #3 during grinding of steel repairs. Mr. Rooney explained that the metal filing rust causing staining. He informed the Board that the metal filings can heat up and melt into the coating which could affect the longevity of the coating system. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that he had instructed Stantec Engineers to contact the company that provided the inspection services for the coating application to evaluate the damage. Superintendent Rooney explained that the roof to Tank #2 may need to be recoated by the painting contractor, Utility Service Company. Commissioner Bassett asked if the Water Department would have to pay for the repair? Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that Utility Service Company would be responsible for the recoating of the roof because the damage was caused by their activities.

Commissioner Basset asked about the \$3,800.00 fee for the warranty inspection was due to the damage? Mr. Rooney explained that the Warranty Inspection was not due to the damage. He went on to explain that the inspector will also perform a required MassDEP yearly Sanitary Inspection of the tanks at the same time. Commissioner Basset asked for an explanation of the ROV inspection. Mr. Rooney explained that a Remotely Operated Vehicle would be inserted into the Tanks to inspect the interior coating for signs of failure. He explained that there is a one year warranty on the coatings that would be expiring for Tank #2 at the end of June.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that he was ready to release the final payment for the project. He asked the Board for their approval to release the payment. After discussion of the question, the Board instructed the Superintendent to not release the payment until the interior coating inspection confirmed the condition of the paint coating. Mr. Rooney discussed the installation of security cameras at the Tanks#2&#3 site.

Chairman Jones asked if the Gate Replacement Project had been completed.

Superintendent Rooney explained that the project was complete. He explained that there were small punch list of small items that were being addressed.

Chairman Jones asked if the Superintendent was happy with the Gate Project contractor, Aqualine Company. Mr. Rooney replied that he was.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the repairs to the coating on the floor of Tank #1 had to be postponed until the Fall. Mr. Rooney explained that he planned to have Engineer Leo Yuskus inspect the repairs in the Fall, and to conduct the Sanitary Inspection.

Mr. Rooney informed the Board that the Distribution Map edits have not been completed because of the other projects, and because of system alterations.

### **Vineyard Wind Update**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board of the discussions that took place at a meeting to explain the groundwater protection measures for the Vineyard Wind transformer site proposed for Independence Drive. He also discussed the need to make sure that the protective measure measures are maintained in perpetuity. Chairman Jones asked about the mitigation funds that would be used for groundwater investigations. Mr. Jones expressed his desire that the Fire District be included in the investigations.

### **Water Quality**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the PFAS sampling results from the State's sampling have been received. Mr. Rooney discussed the results, and the Department's plan to continue to sampling monitoring wells at the edges of the wellfields. He informed the Board that Well #1 had zero PFAS detections. Mr. Rooney discussed his attendance at a Hyannis Civic Association Meeting focused on the PFAS contamination at the Barnstable Fire Training Academy. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that PFAS was described as the "Forever Chemical" because of its prevalence in the environment. He informed the Board that there is a proposal to test the PFAS levels in Hyannis area children. He also informed the Board that the Town of Barnstable is planning a meeting of water suppliers in Town to discuss water quality issues. Chairman Jones asked the Superintendent to explain his understanding of the emergency treatment measures undertaken by Hyannis Water Systems. Mr. Rooney explained the treatment system used by Hyannis, and he discussed new treatment techniques being developed.

### **End of Fiscal 2019 Budget Review**

Superintendent Rooney reviewed the Water Department's expenditures. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that his evaluation of the impact of unexpended expenditure would not cause the Department to go over budget.

### **Solar Panel Tax Reimbursements**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the solar panel operator paid a number of delinquent Personal Property Taxes to the Town of Barnstable. The Fire District will be required to return its portion of the tax bill to CVEC. He informed the Board that the Treasurer will be returning approximately \$5,900.00.

### **Optional Meter Request**

The Board reviewed an Optional Meter Request from #3291 Main Street. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the request, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously**.

The Board reviewed an Optional Meter Request from #40 First Way. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the request, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. Commissioner Bassett **motioned** to approve the request, **seconded** by Commissioner Whitmore. The **motion passed unanimously**.

The Board reviewed an Optional Meter Request from #14 Locust Lane. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the request, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously**.

### **Abatement Requests**

Superintendent Rooney presented a request by the owner of the residence at 31 Powder Hill Road to have a reduction for a usage bill of \$1,088.00 caused by a leaking toilet. Mr. Rooney informed the Board the owner is very elderly, and that she was unaware of the leak. She is not capable of addressing the problem. Collector Vermette joined the Meeting to explain that if the bill was calculated at the lowest rate the bill would be reduced by \$600.00. Chairman Jones asked what the amount her previous usage bills averaged. Ms. Vermette responded that the bill had previously been approximately \$100.00. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to reduce the usage charge to the lowest rate, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Collector Vermette also presented an Abatement Request from #75 Indian Trail Road. The water meter reading misrepresented due to a broken wire to reading device. The owner contends that she was double billed, and the owner contends that if the correct reading was obtained in previous reading than the usage bill would not have reach a higher step. The Board reviewed the request and Chairman Jones asked to table the request until more information on the circumstances of the mistaken reading could be investigated. The Abatement Request was tabled.

### **Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the Water Department would be joining the Fire Department's Open Cape fiber optic network. He explained that there will be a substantial initial installation cost, but that the monthly service fees are similar to current expenditures. He explained that the SCADA system may require alternate means of communication, and that the fiber optic system may be required.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Thomas Rooney