

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

September 10, 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 2:30 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 August 13, 2019, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.** Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to accept the Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2019, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

### **Capital Projects Update**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that Tank #1 is off line for touch up of the floor coating. Mr. Rooney explained that the tank was drained, and the Water Department staff cleaned the interior floor of Tank #1 to prepare for the repairs by Utility Services Company. He informed the Board that Engineer Leo Yuskus would provide inspection services for the repair work, and that Mr. Yuskus would conduct the annual sanitary inspection required by MassDEP.

Mr. Rooney reported that the roof of Tank#2 was cleaned, and that the roof would be repainted this week. Chairman Jones reminded those present that the painting would be done under warranty by Utility Services because they caused the staining which resulted from grinding on Tank #3. Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the security cameras are being installed to Tanks #2 and #3.

Superintendent Rooney discussed the investigation into the usefulness of Well #1. Mr. Rooney explained that Well #1 was "non-detect" for PFAS, and he explained that the water from the well could be used for blending to reduce final concentrations of PFAS. Mr. Rooney explained that the Well cannot produce enough pressure to fill Tank #1. He informed the Board that he had contacted D.L. Maher to pull and inspect the well pump, and that the well pump was damaged from corrosion. He also mentioned that the Department is seeking to have the auxiliary motor removed and to dispose of the motor because it cannot be used, and therefore has no value to the District. Chairman Jones told the Board that he feels that rehabilitation Well #1 was a good idea.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that he had received an estimate for the engineering for Treatment #1 KOH storage tank from GZA. The engineering estimate was \$60,000.00. Mr. Rooney explained that the project would require the approval of MassDEP.

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to approve the engineering for the project. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to accept the Engineering Proposal from GZA Engineers, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

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Superintendent Rooney presented PFAS sampling results from monitoring wells located in the District's wellfields. Mr. Rooney showed the Board a map of the locations of the monitoring wells, and he explained that the results of the sampling would be used to adjust the plan of which monitoring wells would be sampled next in order to help determine if the source of the PFAS can be located. Mr. Rooney discussed the difficulty of comparing sampling results from different laboratories because the results of the sample analysis are reported. He informed the Board that samples for PFAS in the future by Water Department will be sent to Alpha Analytical Laboratory for analysis. Mr. Rooney explained the upcoming proposed regulatory limit reduction by MassDEP. He discussed PFAS sample results taken from District Wells, and the Department's intention to blend the output of the wells in both of the Districts wellfields to lower the PFAS levels of finished water entering the distribution system. The Board asked the Superintendent about a news item discussing loans for PFAS remediation. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that he believed the news item referred to remediation for cleanup of PFAS contamination sites. The Board asked the Superintendent to research the possibility of grants or loans from the State. Mr. Rooney explained that proposed reductions of the Health Advisory Limits for PFAS by MassDEP will influence the need for additional remediation.

### **Review of Water Department Fee Schedule**

Superintendent Rooney discussed the potential for increasing Department Revenue through additional charges for new fire sprinkler line connections to the District's water system. Commissioner Bassett asked what type of fees would be needed. Mr. Rooney asked the Board if they would prefer a large Service Connection Fee when a fire line is installed or a smaller fee assessed annually. Commissioner Whitmore asked the Superintendent which he would prefer. Mr. Rooney replied that both methods could be used. Chairman Jones and Commissioner Bassett like the idea of two smaller fees. The Board asked the Superintendent to investigate the District's options further.

### **Fiscal 2019 Draft Annual Report**

Discussion tabled at the Superintendent's request

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

Superintendent Rooney presented a request from a Department staff member to consider a stipend for the study required to obtain Massachusetts Drinking Water Certifications. The Board discussed previous education stipends that were granted. The granted the staff members request.

Superintendent Rooney Discussed the Federal Occupational Health and Safety regulations that will be applied to Municipalities through the Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards.

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 3:50p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Thomas Rooney