

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

January 5, 2021 AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

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

- Meeting called to order at 2:32 P.M.
- Warrants and payrolls signed.

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to approve previous meeting minutes. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes from December 8, 2020, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

### **Capital Projects Update**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the Well #1 Rehabilitation project received an exemption from review by Old Kings Highway Historical Committee. Mr. Rooney explained that the bid opening for Subcontractors would be conducted by GZA Engineers on Thursday January 7, 2021. He went on that bid opening for the entire project will be held on January 14, 2021 Mr. Rooney informed the Board members that District Treasurer Richard Buffington would witness the bid opening for the District. Chairman Jones asked Superintendent Rooney if the new pump has been installed in Well #1? Mr. Rooney explained that the pump has been installed, but the Variable Frequency Drive to run the pump has not been shipped yet. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that the Water Department Staff had been working to install temporary chemical addition equipment to allow the use of the pumping station while the KOH tank is being replaced. He explained that the Department will temporarily use 55-gallon drums of KOH to treat the water produced. Mr. Rooney discussed the difficulties encounter if the wells are not used for extended periods of time.

Superintendent Rooney informed that Board that the Department has applied for a another PFAS grant from the State of Massachusetts. Chairman Jones asked for the amount of zero percent loans funding that had been approved? Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the District has be approved for 1.7 million dollars of borrowing.

### **Fiscal 2022 Draft Water Department Operations Budget**

Superintendent Rooney presented the Board with a revised Fiscal 2022 Water Department Operations Budget. Mr. Rooney discussed individual line items, and the rationale for changes. He discussed the likelihood that there will be a large increase in sampling expenses if MassDEP increases required PFAS sampling from quarterly to monthly, and if additional lead and copper sampling are required because of the addition of treatment at Well #1. He also discussed reductions in electrical reimbursements from the District's solar panels. Chairman Jones asked Superintendent Rooney to provide the proposed budget to the Prudential Committee

**Abatement Request**

Senior Operator Ronald Tivey addressed the Board to provide the Board with additional details of a water service leak that caused the large usage charges for #277 Millway. Mr. Tivey informed the Board that owner of the property followed the recommendations made by the Department. The Board asked what the usage charge would be if the usage rate charged for the Tier 3 usage to the rate charged for Tier 2 usage. Tier 3 is the highest usage rate charged for usage over 200,000 gallons in a six-month period. The Tier 2 usage rate is charged for water usage from 45,000 gallons to 199,000 gallons and is below the rate for Tier 3 usage. Collector Vermette joined the Meeting, and informed the Board that the usage charge would be reduced by \$1,800.00 if the usage over 200,000 gallons was recalculated to the tier 2 rate. Commissioner Bassett **motioned** that the usage charge for water used over 45,000 gallons be charged at the Tier 2 rate, **seconded** by Commissioner Whitmore. The **motion passed unanimously**.

**Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By The Chair**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the BETA Group, consultants for Barnstable County, are requesting permission to access District property adjacent to the Barnstable County Fire Training Academy. Mr. Rooney explained that BETA group has been developing the Immediate Response Plan to remediate the contamination at the BCFTA, located adjacent to Wells #5 & #2 located on Breed's Hill Road. Mr. Rooney explained that BETA Group is also asking that the Water Department supply information about the characteristics of the site. Beta Group is also asking for pumping records. He informed the Board that the District's engineering consultant for PFAS issues would provide a review of the request. The Board granted permission for Beta group to access the District's wellfield property, and the Board granted Superintendent Rooney permission to provide the information requested after consultation with GZA Engineers.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Thomas Rooney