

BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2020 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 2:38 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 September 8, 2020, **seconded** by Chairman Jones. The **motion passed unanimously.**

Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the Treatment #1 KOH Tank Replacement Project Specifications, for use by Dankris Building Company, are being completed by GZA Engineers. Mr. Rooney stated that the replacement pump for Well #1 had been ordered. He went on to say that a submersible pump was recommended by Denis L. Maher Company instead of a vertical turbine pump. He mentioned financial assistance for the purchase of the pump and Variable Frequency Drive to control the pump motor would be provided by Cape Light Compact. Superintendent Rooney explained that the well would need pumped to waste to provide a more accurate water quality measurement. Mr. Rooney explained that an emergency generator would be installed to power the facilities during a storm related power outage. He informed the Board that a natural gas supply line would be installed from Phinney's Lane to the generator. Mr. Rooney stated that an application for review by the Old Kings Highway Commission will be filed for the project.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that he had researched additional counsel to review the Barnstable Fire Training Academy contamination incident, and he recommended Jonathan Witten. Chairman Jones suggested that Attorney Witten address the Board of Water Commissioners, and the Prudential Committee.

Superintendent Rooney replied that he would contact Mr. Witten. Mr. Rooney discussed an additional review of the Barnstable County Fire Training Academy Immediate Response Plan for the PFAS contamination was being conducted by Susan Bator at GZA Engineers for the District.

Chairman Jones asked when the rehabilitation of Well #1 would go out to bid. Mr. Rooney replied that the project plans, and water analysis would need to be completed before the project could go out to bid. Chairman Jones asked if the Emergency PFAS grant had been officially awarded to the District? Superintendent Rooney read the PFAS Grant Award letter for \$200,000.00 in funds for PFAS removal of PFAS contamination from the ground water used to supply the District's drinking water. Mr. Rooney presented the Board forms from MASSDEP that would need to be signed to accept the award.

GZA Engineer Thomas Sexton joined the meeting to discuss the schedule for various aspects of the State Revolving Fund zero percent loan application.

Mr. Sexton informed the Board that the application for Well #1 would be submitted by December. He also informed those present that the application for PFAS Remediation at Wells #2 and #5 would be submitted next year after the plans and specifications are completed.

Chairman Jones discussed the need for fiscal plans to fund the District's various PFAS remediation projects. Mr. Sexton agreed that the costs would be substantial, and he recommended a water rate study. Chairman Jones suggested that Mr. Sexton and Mr. Rooney investigate ways that revenues can be generated by future development projects. Commissioner Bassett asked how other Towns are handling similar situations. Mr. Sexton replied that other towns are following the same process as the Fire District. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that Hyannis Water Systems has just completed a 9-million-dollar groundwater treatment plant to remove contaminants from their drinking water supply. Mr. Rooney presented the Board with a proposal from GZA GeoEnvironmental Company for development of plans and specifications for Treatment at Wells #2. The Board approved the proposal.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that he had, at their direction, investigated the cost of changing the work order system from a paper system to an electronic system to create work orders on the Utility Cloud system. Senior Operator Tivey joined the Meeting to explain the benefits and limitations of the Utility Cloud Program.

Superintendent Rooney discussed the required Risk and Resilience Assessment required the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that the Department's Emergency Response Plan will need to be redone as part of Risk Assessment. He informed the Board that he contacted Stantec Engineers to assist with the development of the Emergency Response Plan

Annual Report FY20

Superintendent Rooney asked if the discussion of the Annual Report could be tabled until the next Board Meeting? The Board tabled the discussion of the Annual Report.

Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By The Chair

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 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Rooney