

BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2020 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 and Senior Operator Tivey.

- Meeting called to order at 2:43 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 January 14, 2020 as amended, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

FY-20 Proposed Operations Budget

Superintendent Rooney presented the Board with a breakdown of the FY20 Operations Budget showing line item Operations Budget balances at the halfway point of the current fiscal year. The Board used the expended budget amounts to evaluate proposed line item amounts for the upcoming fiscal year. Superintendent Rooney discussed the line items that were changed or removed from the previous FY20 Operations Budget. Commissioner Bassett asked for an explanation of the proposed line item amount for Overtime. Mr. Rooney explained that the Water Department's facilities must be physical inspected 365 days per year. Chairman Jones asked for an explanation of the Public Works line item. Mr. Rooney explained that some of the parts used in that line item are used for service installations and repairs. He informed the Board that the Department charges customers and Contractors for part used in a repair. Commissioner Whitmore asked if the electrical line item was partially covered by the District's solar panels. Superintendent Rooney explained that a portion of the Department's electrical bills are paid by Net Metering Credits earned by the solar panels. After some discussion, the proposed line item for Chemicals was lowered by \$5,000.00 dollars, and the line item for Samples was increased by \$5,000.00 dollars. The Board members instructed the Superintendent to be sure that the line item for Chemicals is adequate. The Board also suggested that the line item for Vehicle Maintenance not be lowered for the FY20 budgeted amount. Commissioner Bassett asked if a proposed line item could be exceeded. Mr. Rooney explained that a line item can be exceeded as long as the bottom-line budget total is not exceeded.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that he intended to try level fund the budget from FY20 to FY21. After the Board's evaluation, the proposed FY21 budget was increased from the FY20 budget by \$2,982.10 an increase of 0.4 percent.

Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve a proposed FY21 Water Department Budget of \$712,809.84, **seconded by Commissioner Bassett.** The **motion passed unanimously.**

Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Rooney presented the Board with the draft construction, and bid documents, for the Treatment #1 3,000 gallon KOH tank replacement. Mr. Rooney reviewed the modifications that will be made to the building and treatment components of the facility. Chairman Jones asked if the replacement tank to be purchased has been identified. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that it has not. He explained that a larger tank was being considered, but the building will not accommodate the larger tank. Mr. Rooney discussed the building's leaking roof. He also discussed the quote process for the rehabilitation of Well #2.

Grant Application

Superintendent Rooney discussed proposed schedule for the use of an Emergency Grant from the State. Mr. Rooney explained that the rehabilitation of Well #1 would be the most important project. He explained that a separated treatment facility will be needed in order to use the pumping station to add water to distribution system. He also discussed using grant money to do the engineering plans for additional treatment to the districts current wells to address rising PFAS levels.

Water Quality

Superintendent Rooney reviewed the most recent PFAS results received from January sampling. Mr. Rooney explained that the PFAS detection for the blended water from Wells #2 & #5 slightly exceeded the newly developed Massachusetts Office of Research and Standards Guideline of 20 parts per trillion for six PFAS chemicals. He informed the Board that MassDEP is reviewing the results, and that a Public Notice may be required. Mr. Rooney discussed the need for an Article at District Meeting to approve the funding needed to begin the process of adding treatment for PFAS.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Superintendent Rooney explained the Department's response to a water main leak on Hyannis Road, and the circumstances of the repair that was made with the help of Roderick Construction. Mr. Rooney discussed repairs made to the transmission of a 2013 Department truck.

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 3:54p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Rooney