

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 11, 2023, at the Water Department office

PRESENT WERE: Board of Water Commissioners, Chairman Bassett, Commissioner Stephen Whitmore, and Commissioner David Mason. Prudential Committee Member Bill Jones. Also present: Superintendent Sean Anderson and District Resident Steve Rizzo.

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 PM
- Warrants to be signed.
- Commissioner Bassett **motioned** to accept the March 14, 2023; minutes as written. The **motion was seconded** by Commissioner Whitmore and passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR AN ABATEMENT AT 27 TONELA LANE

- Homeowner has postponed the abatement request.
- Initially the agent said no it will not be covered by insurance. Now is asking for it in writing to see if it will be covered.

REQUEST FOR AN ABATEMENT DAVID JONES 241 ATTUCKS LANE

- 89,000 gallons of water used from toilet running. Used to paying around 3,000 gallons per quarter.
- Toilet running in one of the buildings that is not being used.
- When it hit 45,000 gallons Kim made a phone call to warn David of the high usage but never got a call back.
- During this past reading Chuck called Mr. Jones and discovered it was a leaky toilet.
- Mr. Jones had a high read for 4 billing cycles and didn't contact us till this quarter after attempts to warn him of the high usage.
- Commissioner Whitmore was disinclined to approve the waiver for an abatement due to the inability to detect and ongoing problem to regular billing cycles. Commissioner Mason moved to **deny the abatement** request based on the number of billing cycles and notifications that were issued that were ignored. Mr. Whitmore **seconded the motion**.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

- Easement on Oak Street which will be talked about at the Prudential Committee Meeting because there is issue legality wise. Someone else already has Easement rights granted to them.

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

- Cost of 1500.00 fire code for Station 1 appealing to the state for a waiver. The fire chief and building commissioner are willing to be on the call for the virtual meeting and are in support of it.
- Superintendent Anderson has written up a SOP for this station which states that an outside 3rd party would install an alarm which goes off at 400 gallons. Never exceed the 500 gallons threshold. All staff trained for the hearing.

UPDATE ON CHUCK HAVING COVID AND LINGERING POSITIVE TEST

FLUSHING SCHEDULE DISCUSSED

LEAD AND COPPER SAMPLING

- Needs to be done by end of June
- Full round of 40 samples twice this year (result of putting well 1 on line)
- Samples are done by the home owners
- First draw sample in the morning at least 6 hours of water not moved but no greater than 12 hours.
- Based on the age of the house. (Lead in solder or piping)

MEETING WITH STEVE OLSON - WELL 2 AND 5 TREATMENT PLANT

- Flag where building is going to go.
- Will set up some test borings.
- Placement of Rinse Water Basin – will dig with a machine to get an idea what the ground material is like.
- Tracking the PFAS

TEAR DOWN AND REBUILD POLICY

- Superintendent Anderson suggested once you rebuild you will need to pay a reconnect fee which would be ½ of the current connection fee and replace the service all the way to the main.
- He also wants to approve this as a policy in the rules and regulations.
- Will be voted on at the next meeting.

MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

CONCERN OF THE INCREASE IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND ATTACHING TO THE WATER SERVICE:

- 3 approaches – permitted from DEP to withdraw from the ground which is .66 million gallons a day.
- DEP – sets max daily pumping per source.
- How much can we pump into the system all at once by discoloration or bursting pipes.
- Permit: 2022 pumped 205.049 million gallons. Or .56 million gallons per day leaving 100,000 gallons per day or 36 million 500,000 gallons is left on our current permit.
- When the permit was renewed, they projected that the population was going to grow.
- Sean can go to DEP and say I need more water and they will grant it.
- David asked How many more connections can we ad before we top that? 1333 people until we meet the max.
- Superintendent Anderson will draft a letter to make aware of the max capacity or water services with our permit.

INCREASE IN WATER RATES (WAITING FOR EPA RESULTS) UTILIZE ADDITIONAL TREATMENT

Chairman Bassett **motioned** to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Mason seconded the **motion**.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn H. Woodward