

BOARD OF WATER COMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 8, 2011

5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Caten, Niles Busler and Fran McNamara.

GUEST PRESENT: Leroy Kendricks, James Blanchard, Michael MacEachern and Supt Paul Rafuse. Brenda Boudreau was absent.

Jack opened the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

The Board reviewed and signed the warrants totaling \$16,421.72

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Paul presented to the Board a license agreement for Kathleen and Christopher Galeota to allow a logging contractor to utilize the access road to our Highland Street storage tank. The Board signed the agreement.
2. Paul discussed the possibility of trading in our commercial walk behind mower for a new riding mower. Paul had talked with Glenn Shepherd and he said that he would give us a \$1,000.00 for a trade in. It is a commercial mower with a larger 42" deck that would only cost us an additional \$1,100.00. The Board wanted Paul to approach Wayne and ask him to work out a deal for mowing and applying that amount to his water bill. Niles also suggested getting summer help to help Mike and Jim with the mowing.
3. Paul presented to the Board the article in the newspaper notifying the town to the recent water ban in affect by the DEP.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Paul reviewed quotes to convert additional 1,500 accounts to radio read. Originally Paul had thought that we should go with the Sensus touch couplers which would cost us \$24,500.00. Recently Paul spoke with a representative from Blue Tower who told us that we could save money by using their transponders and it would be compatible with the vehicle transceiver unit. The quote came in at \$3,116.00. The route manager software would cost \$2,300.00 and installation and training is no charge. He also gave us prices for transponders bought in units that range from \$67.00 to \$70.00 each. Sensus had quoted us \$100.00 each. Paul compared the total cost for Sensus at \$181,633.00 and Blue Tower is \$114,676.00 and the transponders would have the ability to data log information and leak detection and have a warranty of twenty years. After much discussion the Board asked Paul to run it by Kim to see if we needed another bid or not and put it on the agenda for the August 22, 2011 warrant signing meeting.
2. Paul reported on the status of Witches Brook well #1. Water quality testing results were fine but we need to address the issue of the odor and particles in the water. After speaking with Denis Maher and Tom Mahanna they feel that they need to get a pump in there to pump for at least three days at a rate which would be comparable to what our normal usage would be. That would be at a cost of approximately \$7,000.00 for the replacement pump. Fran offered to let us borrow his pumps for the testing or ask Don Klein, he may have one at the Fire Department. The Board wants us to pump and test it ourselves to save money.
3. Progress on the SCADA system project was reported. Leroy came to discuss

the direct cost of the SCADA installation. Paul also explained that they both had a meeting with Kim and she had some ideas that could potentially reduce the cost. The following points were discussed:

- After reviewing the control panel and the electrical required to install it for the upgrade for all the water facilities. The pricing for the control panels came in at \$39,400.00.
 - The radio and communication equipment pricing came in at under \$25,000.00
 - The computer and software is \$34,000.00. Leroy also reported that installation would run us approximately \$22,400.00 and the cost for engineering implementation and start up is \$23,000.00 and \$27,000.00 respectfully.
 - After talking with Kim we would need to send the control panels and software out to bid. Kim also stated that the computers could be purchased under the state contracting because we would get special pricing.
 - The installation will be under \$25,000.00 so we would need three quotes perhaps one from our town electrician who would most likely give us a good price.
 - The \$167,000.00 that is estimated now is a little bit over but still reasonable. Paul would like to add the instrumentation to the sites which would be upgraded and chapter six compliance.
 - The next step is to have Wood & Curran submitted a contract for the next phase which will cost us \$50,800.00.
4. Paul discussed the progress of the water main installation with the Wheeler Road bridge replacement project. Paul has a guy that is going to do the tap and sleeve but they won't be tying in until the end of the project. We are only paying for the hydrant and the valves on this project.
5. Paul reported his findings for Jim's wage dispute. Paul spoke with someone who suggested that we find our own attorney to represent us between the Attorney General's office and the Selectmen for over stepping their authority. He also suggested that Jim file a dispute with the labor board.

The next scheduled warrant signing meeting is Monday, August 22, 2011.
The next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 12, 2011.

Jack adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Boudreau-clerk