

BOARD OF WATER COMMINNIONERS' MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2009
5:30 P.M.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Supt. Paul Rafuse, Joe Degutis, Mike Worden and Brenda Boudreau-clerk.

Jack opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

DECISION: The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of January 12, 2009.

The Board reviewed payroll warrants totaling \$18,032.82.

The Board signed warrants totaling \$ 20,848.49.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Paul presented to the board a report from Stantec to switch from potassium hydroxide to sodium hydroxide. Paul explained that currently potassium hydroxide is .33 a wet pound and will more than double in price by next year.
DECISION: The Board voted unanimously to award Stantec the bid to switch from potassium hydroxide to sodium hydroxide.
2. Paul reported to the board that a meeting is scheduled at the police station this Thursday February 12, 2009 to discuss a mass calling system much like a reverse 911 that will get a message to residents in case of an emergency.
3. Paul reported to the board that the Lunenburg Road repeater was damaged during the ice storm. We currently have a \$1,000.00 insurance deductible and the cost to replace is \$1,800.00. Paul feels as though we should split the \$800.00 fee with the Highway Department. Niles wants to know the cause of the malfunction so we can take any necessary steps to make sure it does not happen again.
DECISION: The Board voted unanimously to repair the Lunenburg Road repeater system and make all attempts to collect from the insurance company and split the rest of the cost with Highway. Paul is to find out the cause of the failure.
4. Paul reported to the board that he had attended a FEMA meeting at the town hall. The Water Department cost during the ice storm totaled \$15,000.00. Paul explained that we might only get reimbursed for seventy five percent . Paul will still put in for the total amount, However, it is unlikely that we will get it. FEMA will be conducting site visits for each department.
5. Paul presented the board with the 2008 Annual Report for review.
6. Paul reported to the board that he will be on vacation from March 24- April 4, 2009.
7. Brenda reported on the January account receivable reports.
8. Brenda reported on the January appropriation balance reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Paul presented the board with an updated budget. James Blanchard's .50 raise for passing an upcoming test was not entered into the budget due to it being level funded. The board wants Paul to list it into the budget as a separate line item (certification increase per Water Department policies & procedures) and have the new budget ready for the warrant signing meeting on February 23, 2009.
2. The Board discussed in length the most recent request from Mrs. Collins. Paul feels that her recent request to the lines and pit are irrelevant to what the contract is about. Paul feels that a one week timeline is enough time to execute the current contract or gate will be installed. She has benefited from the use of the property incurring no cost and assuming no liability for the past fifty years. Paul has no problem moving the pit but he would like something in writing, and it would be done before the end of the fiscal year.

DECISION: The Board voted unanimously to follow through with the current time frame of seven days from receipt of letter from attorney. The gate will be placed when weather is permitting and a cease and desist will be served.

3. Paul reported that Walter Nemi would like to have a camera demonstration at Witches Brook on Wednesday, February 11, 2009. Niles will attend with Paul.
4. Paul scheduled a Master Meter presentation to familiarize the Commissioners with the type and cost of meters needed to be replaced for the entire town can be on radio read. These meters are 95% accurate and the software has the capability of monitoring accounts for leaks and meter tampering. The wireless unit cost \$85.00 and the meters cost \$185.00 with a twenty year life.

DECISION: The Board voted unanimously that the Supt. put together a cost plan to determine the cost effectiveness on whether or not we buy a few meters at a time and gradually complete the job or to buy them all at once with a bond and turn the system to radio read altogether.

The next warrant signing is Monday, February 23, 2009.

The next Board meeting is Monday, March 9, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Boudreau-clerk

