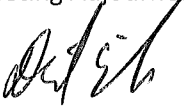


Board of Water Commissioners meeting minutes
January 11, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order by Ken at 4:300pm. Those in attendance were, Bob Frederico, Mike Corda, Matthew Pearson Via zoom, Wendy Graves Via zoom, Ken Grew, and Dave Erickson.
2. A motion was made by Ken to accept the minutes of the December 14,2022 meeting. Voted unanimously in favor.
3. Appointments: None
4. There was no correspondence.
5. The Treasurer's report was read by Wendy, Bob made a motion to accept the report, Voted all in favor.
6. The Business Manager presented his report. Tufts vet School ARPA funding: No new updates this month.
7. Matt spoke to the commissioners about a rate increase and minimum charge increase: Matt presented the board with a 5% rate increase- \$4.80-\$5.04. A 10 % rate increase \$4.80-\$5.28, and a service charge increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00. He stated we should be looking at an additional \$250,000 to \$300,000 of revenue due to chemical price increase by as much as 300% The Pigeon hill tank painting and Booster station project (1.9 million), suppliers cost increase, construction and repair costs increase, and general operating cost. The board asked about surrounding towns rate structure. Matt said he will come back next month with some comparisons to other towns and districts in the area, board suggested information be sent about why the increase is needed.
8. Annual meeting dates: Annual meeting April 25, 2023, at 5:30PM Voting will take place from 3:15pm to 5:15 pm. We will need to have a meeting the last week of March (the 29th?) to close the warrant.
9. Matt discussed Ron's work schedule for 2023: From January to July 1st, Ron will be going to, 4 days a week working longer days Monday through Thursday and off call by the end of February. Employee benefits until July 1, 2023, will be at 100%. From July 1st to December 31st he will go to 3 days a week, starting July 1, 2023, benefits will be prorated reflective of the time worked. Ron will be retiring at the end of 2023. Matt offered Ron the opportunity to come back part time in 2024 if he would like. The Board acknowledged Ron's schedule.
10. The Superintendent presented his report: Additional lead and copper testing sites work is ongoing and will require the assistance of the staff.
11. 158 Worcester Street driveway temporarily repaired the street will have to be repaired in the spring as we could not find a contractor to do it before winter.
12. Worcester street well pump motor failure: working with the engineer to have the company who put the well pump and motor in to have it pulled and replaced and see if we can get it covered under warranty.
13. Adam Rauktis was hired and started on January 9th.
14. New truck: Should be in between now and April.
15. Scada upgrade is being used to create the DEP monthly reports. Andrew did the December reports using the automated system. Although there are a few bugs to be worked out it is working very well.

The next meeting will be February 8th, 2023 @ 4:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned by Ken second by Mike voted unanimously @ 5:07pm

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David Erickson