

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Board of Water Commissioners met in open session on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building, Room 201.

Those in attendance were: Water Commissioners Ronald Cole, Chair; Matthew Barnes, Secretary; Michael Burns, Sr., Member; Public Works Director David Billips; ~~Water Resources Systems Engineer Charles Darling~~; Deputy Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Gamelli; Budget Analyst Joanna Williams; City Engineer Mark Cressotti; Recording Secretary Angela Bolduc.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

26 Dubois St. – Lien Interest Abatement

James and Heather Van Sickle are requesting an abatement on the lien interest for the FY15 liened utility bills. A clerical error resulted in returned mail for this property. Since the owners did not receive these utility bills they are requesting the interest only to be forgiven.

Motion made by Commissioner Burns to approve the lien interest abatement request for 26 Dubois St. Motion seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Motion approved.

32 Wilson Ave. – Lien Interest Abatement

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Motion made by Commissioner Burns to approve the lien interest abatement request for 32 Wilson Ave. Motion seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Motion approved.

5 Gary Dr. – Water Abatement

It was determined that the abatement request for higher than normal consumption during the months of May through October did not have enough supporting documentation as to possible cause. The board historically does not abate requests for summer and irrigation usage. The Board noted that the billing in question was for the summer months and that he has had high consumption for this same billing period in a number of previous years.

Motion made by Commissioner Burns to deny the abatement request for 5 Gary Dr. Motion seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Motion approved.

Overtime Reports – The April Overtime Reports were given to the Commissioners. The Board had no questions regarding the reports.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Burns to approve the minutes as written for the April 5, 2016 meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners. Motion seconded by Commissioner Barnes, Motion Approved

Project updates –

Deputy Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Gamelli discussed the upcoming rebuild of belt filter press number 2. Unspent bond money from the rag Removal project has been repurposed by City Council to fund this project.

Public Works Director David Billips informed the Board of the City Council L & O meeting discussion regarding the Olsen property eminent domain taking. The L & O committee voted to send this to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation.

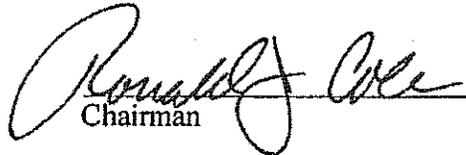
Director Billips and Budget Analyst Williams reviewed the plans for the Department Open House scheduled for May 7th at the Sackett Treatment Plant

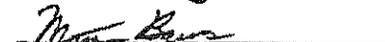
Water Systems Engineer Charles Darling informed the board that an award had been made on the Fixed Network system RFP. The installation of water meters has yet to be bid.

The next meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Barnes to adjourn; Motion seconded by Commissioner Burns, Motion approved. ADJOURN: 7:44 P.M.


Chairman


Secretary

Member