

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Board of Water Commissioners met in open session on Tuesday, September 7, 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 Assistant Director Francis Cain; Water Deputy Steven Fernandes; Budget Analyst Joanna Williams; Recording Secretary Angela Bolduc.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

Joseph Ave. – Sanitary Sewer Extension Design – Change Order 2

In accordance to continuing efforts to extend the sanitary sewer system toward the strategic build out plan and in conformance with neighborhood portions of Joseph Ave., Papermill Rd., and Grandview Dr. and municipal desires the referenced proposal has been received for final design except construction supervision of the subject effort.

Motion made by Commissioner Barnes to approve Change Order 2 in the amount of \$143,000.00 awarded to CDM . Motion seconded by Commissioner Burns. Motion approved.

Bigwood Dr. – Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Change Order 2

In accordance to continuing efforts to extend the sanitary sewer system toward the strategic build out plan and in conformance with neighborhood(s) of Gary Drive and Kelly Drive and municipal desires the referenced proposal has been received for final design except construction supervision of the subject effort.

Motion made by Commissioner Barnes to approve Change Order 2 in the amount of \$74,000.00 awarded to RLA, Inc . Motion seconded by Commissioner Burns. Motion approved.

Westfield River Levee Multi-Use Trail

Continued development of the referenced project design will involve structural and environmental evaluation of the former WG&E Horse Barn on the levee at the Sackett St exit from Whitney Playground. The building is part of the Water Resource campus and currently only the basement is in use.

Motion made by Commissioner Barnes to approve Change Order 5 in the amount of \$6,000.00 awarded to Tighe & Bond . Motion seconded by Commissioner Burns. Motion approved.

Gas Light District Project – Bid #2449; PCO's 43 through 45.

Several items have exceeded contract estimates and two have been reduced necessitating the need for a contract adjustment for the following items reflected in PCO's 43 through 45. Spring at Washington water line disconnect. Curb adjustment at Santander Bank. Drainage infiltration at Westfield Bank.

Motion made by Commissioner Barnes to Change Order 11 in the amount of \$22,244.00 awarded to Gagliarducci Construction. Motion seconded by Commissioner Burns. Motion approved.

38 West School St. – Water abatement

Mr. Charleton Walts explained to the commission that he had a toilet that was running during the November 2015 billing cycle causing higher than normal water consumption. Mr. Walts stated this toilet was rarely used and running quietly. Therefore, it went unnoticed until the combined utility bill was received indicating there was a problem. Mr. Walts has fixed the issue and the water consumption is now consistent.

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Motion made by Commissioner Barnes to approve a onetime abatement in the amount of \$220.45. Motion seconded by Commissioner Burns. Motion approved.

13 Williams St. – Water abatement

Mr. Robin Sheldon explained to the commission he believed a toilet was running at this property during the January and April 2015 billing cycle causing higher than normal water consumption. Mr. Sheldon stated this was a rental property and the tenant only informed him of the issue when Mr. Sheldon questioned the usage. The commission decided the table this abatement until the next meeting to review the abatement figures for both the January and April quarters.

7 Pineridge Dr. – Water abatement

James O' Neill indicated on the Water abatement application that he did have a leaky toilet but that he did not believe this would result in such high usage. Upon review of the consumption history, the commission decided the summer usage was not significantly high enough for an abatement. Historically, the commission does not abate summer usage.

Motion made by Commissioner Barnes to deny the abatement request for 7 Pineridge Dr. Motion seconded by Commissioner Burns. Motion approved.

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

Approval of Minutes

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

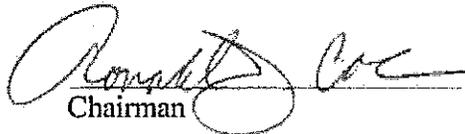
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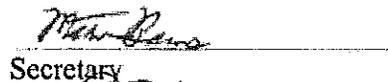
Water Systems Engineer Heather Miller discussed the reservoir being low and currently wells no. 3, 7, and 8 are offline. If the reservoir reaches eight feet below the spillway it may need to be taken offline.

The next meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will be on Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Barnes to adjourn; Motion seconded by Commissioner Cole, Motion approved. ADJOURN: 8:33 P.M.


Chairman


Secretary


Member