

December 20, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Water District was held at the office of the Auburn Water District, 268 Court Street, on Wednesday December 20, 2017 at 4:00pm.

Members present: Dan Bilodeau, Robert Cavanagh, Preston Chapman, K. C. Geiger (President), Mary Sylvester and Andrew Titus, Mayor's Representative. Also present: Sid Hazelton, Superintendent and Michael Broadbent, Assistant Superintendent.

Absent: Tizz Crowley (Excused absence)
Greg Leighton

On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Preston Chapman, it was unanimously voted: **To accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2017.**

FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE –The District will miss budget by about \$50,000 and have \$900,000 cash on hand at year end. Mr. Titus mentioned the Capital Expenditure variance of \$200,000. The ledge on Lake Street caused some delays. The District will hopefully meet its goal in 2018. Mike Broadbent will track each project through the activity report. The Hydraulic Model has been completed. The next step is to decide how to administer the program.

RATIFY PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Mary Sylvester, it was unanimously voted: **To ratify the payment of bills in the amount of \$241,057.57 as shown on the printout dated November 1, 2017 – November 30, 2017.**

OPEN SESSION - Joan Macri of 42 Waterview Drive (Taylor Pond) was in attendance. She is petitioning for year round water. Presentations have been made to the City Council hoping for the City to issue a Bond for a year round water line. There was a need for a firmer number on cost and justification for year round water. An engineering study would cost about \$8,000-\$10,000. Peter Crichton suggested that everyone pitch in to cover the cost of the study, a three-way split between the City, Taylor Pond neighbors and the Auburn Water District. Joan has no neighbors and this is her pitch for year round water. Superintendent Hazelton told her that this is not a project that the District would fund and that the project has many difficult obstacles along with going across private property. A rough estimate for the project is \$100/ft. at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million. The District could never recover the cost. The consensus is that the District would consider \$3,000 towards the study. Joan asked Superintendent Hazelton to speak with Peter Crichton.

ACTIVITY REPORT - We have a few projects that will be completed in the Spring of 2018. The Fall flushing program was minimal and we flushed only the critical areas. A new main was installed on the Danville Corner Rd. to service two new customers. Another Community Garden will be set up on Newbury St. with the installation of a meter pit. It looks like we will not qualify for FEMA funds for damages as a result of the recent storm event. We did not meet the criteria needed for reimbursement.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2018 BUDGET REVIEW – The Sewer Trustees were all set with the budget as presented, but were told that the Water Trustees had some concerns. Trustee K C Geiger considers the health insurance benefit to be a 5% benefit increase and will propose a 0% COLA at the Joint Meeting. Trustee Mary Sylvester suggested approving the budget as presented contingent on looking at trending and analyzing all options starting in January. Mr. Titus does not feel we can

offer both. If the insurance premiums remained flat, then we could offer a COLA. If the insurance premiums increase, then we offer no COLA

Superintendent Hazelton mentioned the fact that this 2018 budget has a place for a wage study. We need to adopt a new wage scale. Most of the employees are at the end of the current scale with no step increases and new employees are hired at mid-scale.

WATER QUALITY UPDATE – The next Commission meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2018. Superintendent Hazelton will confirm the date. Holly Ewing will give a report regarding her research on Gleotrichia and Steve Norton will provide an update on the results of the core sampling project. We are now at Phase II of the Townsend Brook Study.

PROJECT UPDATE - We are looking to upsize 4400' of 8" pipe to 12" pipe on Minot Avenue from Fairview Ave. to Court St. This is part of an MDOT mill and fill project and we have until July 30th to complete the work. Thirsty Turf will help with the temporary services to the District's large commercial customers.

There are two other projects: 1600' on Seventh St. (City Reconstruction) and 1600' on Lake Auburn Ave. (repaving project). We will look at what is more economical. We could leave the old pipe in the ground and install the new pipe in sections and hook up the services as we go.

NACCHO –Chris Curtis applied for a National Grant for upgrading the fluoride monitoring system. He was successful in obtaining \$26,600 in Grant funds to complete this work.

OLD BUSINESS

911 COMMUNICATIONS TOWER- East Coast Communications of Gorham has been awarded the bid for the Radio Antenna Tower and Communications building at Goff Hill.

PURCHASE OF 17 SO GOFF ST. (Nash property) The District hired the Broken Gavel Auction Company to salvage reusable items from the building and the proceeds will be applied towards the demolition of the building. We received a quote of \$30,000 for the demolition. We are considering doing the demolition with in-house crews.

On motion of Preston Chapman, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkwater

APPROVED: January 24, 2018

Attest:

A true record:


Clerk