

**Bangor Water District  
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Oct. 18, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Bangor Water District Board of Trustees was held at 3:45 p.m. in the Hughes Building, 614 State Street. Present were:

Ralph Foss  
Laurel Grosjean  
Stan Miller  
Jim Rines  
Robert Sypitkowski  
Dan Wellington

being more than a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustee Hamilton. The clerk kept the record.

**Employee Recognition:** Taking the agenda out of order, Chair Wellington acknowledged employees Bill Inman and Kevin Pottle for 35 and 20 years of service respectively.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the regular September Board meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Finance and Accounting Manager Smith presented his report. He noted that year-to-date metered sales are down two percent, and revenue is \$72,000 below budget. On the positive side, expenditures for chemicals and for electricity are down due to lower demand and to the sale of electrical power generated by BWD's turbine. He added that fire service bills had been mailed at the end of September which will boost October collections. After discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

**Progress Report:** as presented.

**Old Business:**

**Engineer's Report:** District Engineer Pershken updated the Board on:

- Buck Street (new arena project) – Main Street crossing completed on Sept. 26, main pressure tested and chlorinated, new service lines to be swapped over shortly.
- Essex Street valve vault – construction proceeding on vault house, with an expected completion date of mid-November
- BIA standpipe inspection – drained and cleaned by District staff, to be inspected shortly by tank evaluators, report on repairs/painting to follow

**JPS rehab cost evaluation:** Pershken reported on an extensive review of rehab plans and costs for Johnston Pump Station as part of the UV installation project, aimed at determining if construction of a new pump station would be a better choice. He presented a number of pros and cons, but indicated the final recommendation was to continue with plans for rehab of the existing building due to its overall condition provides the lowest cost alternative. After review and discussion it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously VOTED: to proceed with design of JPS renovations

**US Cellular antenna at Essex Street:** Moriarty updated the Board on discussions regarding US Cellular's desire to install new equipment on the old Essex standpipe. Moriarty indicated that US Cellular had not supported its claim that relocation would be costly. US Cellular had been notified about the District's plans to demolish the old tank and its desire to have all equipment moved to the new standpipe. US Cellular's contractors proceeded to install new equipment on the old tank, without the District's consent. On the advice of legal counsel, BWD personnel had asked US Cellular contractors to leave the premises, but enforcement was difficult as it was viewed as a landlord/tenant civil matter. Moriarty said she had only had a brief discussion with legal counsel immediately before the Board meeting, and several Trustees suggested she and designated Board members meet with the District's attorney as soon as possible. A call was made to counsel's office, and Counselor Hamilton indicated he could attend the Board meeting shortly.

**New Business:**

**Vehicle bids:** Awaiting the arrival of legal counsel, the Board reviewed bids for replacement vehicles as contained in the approved capital budget (2004 car with 147,000 miles and a 2002 van with 86,000 miles). After review, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to award the bids to the lowest qualified bidders.

**Chemical bids:** The Board reviewed bids for the chemicals (ordered annually and quarterly), and Moriarty noted that decreases on several chemicals helped offset increases on others. Coupled with a decrease in demand, she anticipated chemical costs would be 1.6 percent lower in 2012. After review, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to accept the low bid on annual chemical bids, and to authorize the General Manager to accept the low bid on the chemicals bid on a quarterly basis for the next year.

**Essex Street cell antenna (continued):** With the arrival of legal counsel, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn to executive session for consultation with the District's attorney concerning its legal rights and duties, and then to return to open session.

Upon return to open session, Counselor Hamilton briefly described the possible use of a court injunction to halt installation of cell phone equipment on the old Essex Street standpipe by US Cellular, and it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to authorize filing for an injunction in the above matter.

Counselor Hamilton left the meeting.

**Lead update:** Returning to the remaining items on the agenda, Moriarty reminded the Board that BWD is now required to take 60 samples every six months as part of its increased monitoring program. She indicated that a report on corrosion control is expected from Woodard & Curran shortly.

**Meeting with City Council:** scheduled for Oct. 24 with updates on District projects

**Updated water bills:** changes to water bill form necessary as a result of new Maine Public Utilities Commission requirements, beginning in January 2012. Separate mailing of water and sewer bills awaiting implementation of new City financial software which will accommodate billing stormwater charges to property owners as part of the sewer bill.

**2012 meeting calendar:** as distributed.

**Ozone diffuser work:** Moriarty reported on the completion of ozone diffuser replacements. The units are replaced every 12-18 months, as their efficiency decreases.

**UV facility 30% design update:** postponed until next month due to time constraints.

**UV facility/JPS detailed design work:** Moriarty and Pershken reviewed progress on the UV/JPS project by Black & Veatch, and noted that preliminary design work is essentially complete and on schedule. The next task is detailed design work – estimated at \$735,000 – in preparation for bidding (to be authorized separately at a later date). Moriarty reminded the Board that the design work is being funded with \$1.8 million from the Drinking Water SRF loan pool, with a 25 percent grant component and the remainder thru a loan at one percent interest. After discussion, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously  
VOTED: to proceed with detailed design work for the installation of UV disinfection and the rehabilitation of Johnston Pump Station.

**Other business:** Moriarty reported 992 people had attended the fall tour of Thomas Hill Standpipe.

**Board package correspondence:** as presented

Hearing no further business to come before the meeting, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

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