

**Bangor Water District  
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 19, 2016**

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  
Richard Fournier  
Patricia Hamilton  
John Lawler  
Gerry Palmer  
Robert Sypitkowski  
Dan Wellington

being more than a quorum of Trustees. Also in attendance: General Manager Moriarty, District Engineering Pershken, Finance Manager Bailey, Office Manager Marchegiani, and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Welch. The clerk kept the minutes.

**I. Public Comment:** Mr. and Mrs. Welch addressed the Board about a recent leak on Pleasant View Street which resulted in water entering their basement, and their concerns that Bangor Water did not do enough to forestall the problem as it became evident that the break was difficult to shut down. They offered pictures of water in the basement, and suggestions on steps Bangor Water could have taken to mitigate some issues. Moriarty noted that the District – as a public entity – was protected from liability by the Maine Tort Claims Act but had undertaken several “goodwill” gestures. Trustee Wellington reviewed the insurance claim process and the District’s efforts on behalf of the Welches. The couple asked that the Board consider reimbursing them for water, sewer, and electric charges above their usual use for cleaning, flushing, and drying their basement, and strongly recommended reviewing emergency leak repair procedures with District staff. Chair Hamilton thanked the two for attending the meeting.

**II. Administrative:**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the regular and special December meetings were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bailey reviewed the year-end adjustments made as part of the annual audit, as well as year-end finances. She noted that revenue was up three percent compared to budget at the end of December while expenses were down three percent. The Board also reviewed cash flow projections for 2016 as related to timing of various projects. After discussion, the Treasurer’s Report was accepted as presented.

**Progress Report:** The progress report was accepted as presented.

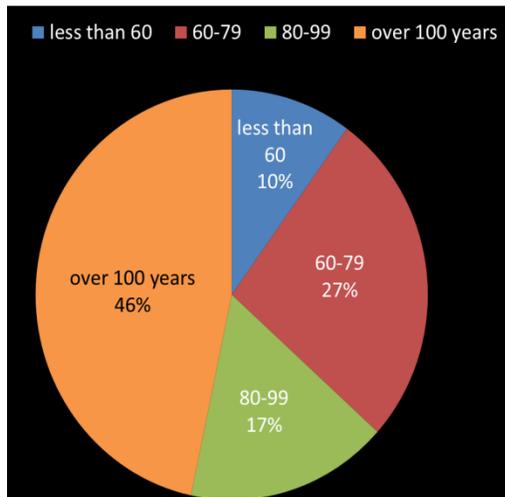
**III. Old Business:**

**Engineer’s Report:** Pershken reviewed the Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Assessment, completed for the EPA, noting \$384 billion would be required to cover all water infrastructure needs in the country. In Maine, \$8.5 million was available in 2014, compared to a statewide need of \$57 million.

**IV. New Business:**

**2015 leak summary:** Moriarty reviewed the leak repairs in 2015, noting almost half occurred on pipe that is over 100 years old. The leaks resulted in unplanned costs of \$136,000.

	Mains	Services	Private or broken by contractor	Hydrants	Valves	Tapping or repair sleeve	Unplanned Costs of Repair	Max Cost Location
2009	26	11	7	8	6	0	\$150,572	Hammond St 12”
2010	14	3	3	1	2	0	\$ 53,153	Aspen St 6”
2011	14	3	5	0	2	0	\$ 78,645	Main St 6”
2012	13	2	10	1	2	3		Garland St 20”
2013	19	3	1	3	3	1	\$ 90,541	14 <sup>th</sup> Street 6”
2014	17	1	7	0	1	1	\$100,219	York Street
2015	26	3	3	0	3	2	\$136,626	Main Street



**2016 Planning Document:** Major departmental goals for coming year were briefly reviewed.

**2016 project planning:** Moriarty reviewed the three major piping projects for the year, at a cost of \$2.4 million and totaling 1.4 miles of pipe. She reminded the Board that the goal was 2 miles per year to keep pace with the 100-year lifespan of the nearly 200 miles of pipe. Currently, rates can only support a replacement rate of 0.5% (or 1 mile per year).

**2016 Capital Budget:** Moriarty reviewed the items to be funded through the capital budget, totaling \$974,000. These included continuation of the District's meter replacement program, roof replacement and repair, replacement of a 1993 backhoe, and purchase of a vacuum excavator to facilitate valve repairs. After discussion, it was upon motion being duly made and seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to approved the 2016 capital budget.

**Workforce Planning:** Service Manager Knowles will be retiring at the end of April after 33 years with the District.

**Rate Case Preparations:** Moriarty reviewed the schedule for a potential 2016 rate case, including notices to customers and public hearing, for possible implementation on July 1.

**Financial audit questionnaire:** Board members to complete the questionnaire.

**Disability insurance provider:** Moriarty explained that AIG had abruptly announced it would no longer provide short- or long-term coverage, and that Bangor Water's account will be transferred to The Hartford. She said although the new company is honoring premiums for 2016, she would not be surprised to see changes next year.

**Conferences:** Trustees interested in attending the Maine Water Utilities Assoc. or the American Water Works Assoc. conferences to let Moriarty know soon.

**February meeting reminder:** annual meeting at which chair, vice-chair, and treasurer to be selected. (Trustees Sypitkowski and Wellington will not be in attendance.)

**Board Correspondence:** As distributed.

**Other Business:**

- Power for webcam on Thomas Hill standpipe has been installed; webcam should be functional soon.
- Brief comments on water crisis in Flint MI, and testing typically conducted when water sources or treatment methods are changed.
- Trustees concurred that: Chair Hamilton should convey the Board's appreciation to the Welches for attending; that Moriarty should contact them for sewer and electrical bill information; and that Moriarty should review the leak with the entire staff with an eye toward customer service.

Hearing no further business to come before the meeting, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously  
VOTED: to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

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Dan Wellington, clerk

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