

**Bangor Water District  
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
March 18, 2014**

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:

Rick Fournier  
Patty Hamilton  
John Lawler  
Stan Miller  
Gerry Palmer  
Robert Sypitkowski  
Dan Wellington

being more than a quorum of Trustees. Also in attendance: General Manager Moriarty, District Engineer Pershken, Finance Manager Bailey, Water Quality Manager Page, and Office Manager Marchegiani. The clerk kept the minutes.

**Minutes:** The minutes were accepted as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bailey outlined plans to expand on sections of the financial reports during the rest of the year. This month, she reviewed debt payments on bonds for the next five years. Bond indebtedness totals \$8.5 million which will drop to \$6.6 million by 2019 if no additional funds are borrowed other than current year plans to borrow \$1.6 million in 2014. Bailey then presented a summary of the Treasurer's Report, noting that

- O&M wages were higher than budget due to less capital work (meter installations) completed.

After questions, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

**Progress Report:** As presented

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:**

**Engineer's Report:** Pershken reported on the Main Street water main replacement project, being done in conjunction with City sewer rehab and road reconstruction, is planned from May to September 2014. Anticipated BWD cost is \$1.1 million which will likely be funded through the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF). Approximately 4,000 feet of 16-inch main will be installed.

**MPUC regulatory reform:** Moriarty reported that a hearing and work session took place in March on the PUC's bill on regulatory reform. The legislation under consideration would allow consumer-owned water utilities to opt out of PUC regulations, based on defined criteria. No water utilities testified against the proposed bill. The bill came out of the Energy, Utilities and Technology committee voted to pass. Final language of the bill will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

### **New Business:**

**Bond resolution:** Bailey and Moriarty presented the Series P bond for Board approval, noting the \$379,211 total would be funded through an SRF loan with 0.74% interest and \$41,500 "forgiven." The bond will pay for the Union Street water main project as well as development of the master plan (now required for SRF eligibility). After discussion, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously  
VOTED: to execute the Series P bond resolution as attached to these minutes.

**Cross-base main lining proposal:** Pershken presented a proposal to scour and line 1650 feet of 16-inch line at BIA, a main feed line for the base and the Air Guard. This is similar to lining projects done last year, which renews the line without having to excavate. The anticipated cost is \$359,000, of which \$199,334 is for the lining contractor. Plans called for the project to be funded with bond monies, but Pershken said the work may rise high enough on the State priority list to qualify for an SRF loan. After discussion, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously  
VOTED: to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with 3M in the amount of \$199,334 for cleaning and lining 1650 feet of 16-inch water main.

**State Street bridge repair:** Pershken reminded the Board of the suspended line which failed in 2012, creating dead ends on either side of the bridge. He indicated that the project— estimated at \$100,000 – will involve sliplining rather than replacing the two suspended sections, and he has asked the contractor for a quote on sliplining the center "island" section as part of the work.

**Quarterly meeting with City Council:** scheduled for March 24, confirmation to follow.

**Water monitoring requirements:** Page explained that every five years, the EPA identifies a new list of contaminants that are suspected to occur in public water system and which may require regulation in the future. During the last round in 2009, none of the 10 listed contaminants were found in BWD's water. The new list contains elements – both occurring naturally as well as manufactured – which are used in industrial applications. Sampling will take place in 2014 and 2015, and the outside lab performing the analysis will report the results to the EPA after data entry is verified by BWD. There is a protocol for public notification if any contaminants on the list are found in BWD's sampling.

**Workforce planning:** Moriarty noted the IT coordinator position had been vacant since the employee moved to other duties, and IT items have been handled internally and a contractor. After consideration, she said staff prefers to convert the position to an engineering/maintenance worker to better meet existing needs. The position has been posted for in-house applications.

**Insurance claim:** Moriarty said a pending property damage claim had gone to mediation, and the opposing insurance companies settled for essentially the homeowner's out-of-pocket costs.

**Water filling station:** Moriarty showed pictures of a water bottle filling station at the Portland Jetport which was funded by Portland Water District. She thought imminent renovations at BIA might provide an opportunity for BWD to explore placement of a similar station in Bangor, and asked for Board input. The consensus of the members was to have Moriarty pursue the idea with airport officials and gather additional information for further discussion.

**Board 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 5:12 p.m.

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Dan Wellington, clerk

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