

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 17, 2015**

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
Rick Fournier
Patty Hamilton
John Lawler
Gerry Palmer
Robert Syptkowski
Dan Wellington

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

Minutes: The minutes of the regular February meeting and the February workshop were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Bailey said an unusual number of leaks and an unusual amount of snow had pushed numbers higher for repair work (\$27,000 compared to \$13,000 budgeted) and hydrant plowing (\$12,600 compared to \$8,900 budgeted), resulting in a five percent increase in expenses.

She also indicated that Bangor Water was proceeding with a Request for Proposals for banking services, and reviewed a list of local banks to be solicited.

Progress Report: as presented.

I. **Public Comment** : None.

II. **Old Business**:

Engineer's Report: District Engineer, Pershken reported that the District's consulting engineers are currently working with Bangor Water to develop a master plan. Pershken updated the status of the plan highlighting system improvements, based on a hydraulic model of current and potential system configurations. Among the items evaluated were amount of water storage, age of water in storage, pressures for fire flows, different storage and/or pump methods, emergency response planning, and back-up water (redundant transmission line and/or interconnection to neighboring utilities).

Meeting with City Council: Moriarty and Hamilton reported on a productive meeting with the Council re the Bangor Water's need to fund its infrastructure renewal account, and the accompanying rate change.

Rate case preparation: Moriarty again reviewed the calendar of notices and filings required by the Maine Public Utilities Commission regarding the rate case, and the impact of the rate changes on various classes of customers, including

- \$1.08 increase per month for minimum residential users
- \$1.74 increase per month for average residential users
- Increased revenue of \$543,305 to fund infrastructure replacement account
- Even with increase, Bangor Water will have 15th lowest rate out of 147 public systems
- Public fire protection assessment remains at 13 percent (up to 30 percent is allowed by MPUC.)

When asked about a cost of service study to consider other rate structures or public fire protection allocations, Moriarty said such a study is typically done if a large customer joins or leaves the system or large changes in the distribution or treatment system dynamics. After discussion, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the 2015 filing with the Maine Public Utilities Commission a \$6104 request for a 9.8 percent increase in revenues, with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2015

III. New Business:

2015 leak summary: Moriarty reported on a busy winter of leak repairs, and the unbudgeted costs of those repairs.

	Mains	Services	Private or broken by contractor	Hydrants	Valves	Tapping or Repair Sleeve	Total
2010	14	3	3	1	2	0	23
2011	14	3	5	0	2	0	24
2012	13	2	10	1	2	3	31
2013	19	3	1	3	3	1	30
2014	17	1	8	0	1	1	28
2015	16	1	0	0	0	0	17

2015 Newsletter and 2014 Water Quality Report: Moriarty distributed drafts of the documents and asked for comments by April 1.

Special meeting: Moriarty reminded the Board of the meeting on March 31 at 8 a.m. to consider the results of the bids for Johnston Pump Station renovations.

Board package correspondence: as distributed

Hearing no further business to come before the meeting, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously
VOTED: to adjourn at 4:57 p.m.

Dan Wellington, clerk

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