

**Bangor Water District  
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
August 15, 2017**

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  
Gerry Palmer  
Dan Wellington

being more than a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustees Grosjean, Hamilton, and Lawler. Also in attendance: General Manager Moriarty, District Engineer Soucier, Financial Manager Bailey, Office Manager Marchegiani, and representatives from First Advisors. The clerk kept the minutes.

**Investment update:** Representatives from The First provided an annual update to the board on Bangor Water's investment fund; the investment fund is used to pay Bangor Water's portion of employee retirement through Maine PERS.

**I. Public Comment Period:** Returning to the published order of the agenda, there was no public comment.

**II. Administrative:**

**Minutes:** approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Finance Manager Bailey said

- Revenue year-to-date continues to be two percent less than budgeted as consumption has lagged.
- Wages year-to-date are three percent below budget, due to employees on workers' comp as well as lower-than-budgeted health insurance costs
- Information on electrical use/billing – especially as related to net energy billing and demand response reimbursement will be provided at a future meeting

Bailey noted that RFPs would be mailed next month for financial auditing services. Trustee Fournier agreed to review RFP's when received for the annual audit. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

**Progress Report:** Bangor Water provided water to Brewer Water during an emergency event.

### III. Old Business:

**Engineer's Report:** Soucier updated the Board on

- Hammond Street II – surface restoration 95 percent complete, final piece is bridge slab repair.
- Broadway (State to Cumberland) – contractor met deadline for Phase I (to Somerset Street). Main line activated and service lines installed. Work for Phase II (to Cumberland) scheduled to be completed by Oct. 6.
- Hammond (Maine at Odlin) – insertion valve installed in easement area to reduce shutdown area. Night work during work in major intersections.
- EDS building – replace temporary structure with permanent building to be used as back-up treatment facility during maintenance and emergencies. Bids are due September 5th.

**Mitigation waiver:** Moriarty updated the Board on Bangor Water's request for an easement as part of the waiver approval for SWEB's windmill project near the Floods Pond watershed. A discussion with legal counsel resulted in an easement document separate from the mitigation waiver; the latter will be signed when the easement is finalized.

**Board appointment process:** Moriarty reminded the Board that two Trustees' terms are expiring at the end of the year, and applications for re-appointment consideration are due to the City of Bangor City Clerk by Sept. 8.

### IV. New Business:

**Environmental Working Group report:** Moriarty reviewed the postings on the group's website, indicating issues with Bangor's public water supply. The levels cited by the group are "health" guidelines and not regulatory levels. Bangor Water is in compliance with drinking water regulations.

**AT&T antenna lease:** Moriarty explained the lease for cell towers on the BIA standpipe, and the complications with potential demolition of the tank and the relocation of the towers to a new tank. Bangor Water's legal counsel is working with the leaseholder to discuss the next steps.

**Valve replacement program:** Moriarty updated the Board on efforts to inspect/repair/replace some of the almost 4,600 valves in the system; given that 28 percent of the piping system is more than 100 years old, it's not surprising that there are 238 valves with known issues. She discussed the impact of non-functioning valves during leaks or main replacement work, when the problem causes the shutdown area without water to expand to the next functioning valve. Additionally, there is sometimes a long stretch of pipe without a valve, again resulting in a large shutdown area for repairs or main replacement. Moriarty noted Bangor Water had faced the latter issue on the Hammond/Maine/Odlin road project, and spent \$35,000 for a specialized contractor to "insert" a 16-inch valve into the line to reduce the number of customers impacted by main replacement. She said it's likely "insertion valves" will be called for more often as the utility continues to address aging infrastructure replacement.

**Board Correspondence:** As distributed.

V. **Other Business**

None.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 5:26 p.m.

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Dan Wellington

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Ralph Foss

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Richard Fournier

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Gerry Palmer