

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the
Regular Monthly Meeting
Sept. 19, 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
Laurel Grosjean
Patty Hamilton
Gerry Palmer
Dan Wellington

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

I. **Public Comment Period:** There was no public comment.

II. **Administrative:**

Minutes: accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Finance Manager Bailey said

- Consumption continues to be lower than budgeted, thus revenue is lower than budgeted.
- Expenses YTD are three percent lower than budgeted (some items previously expensed were converted to capital, and wages have been less due to retirements and employees on leave)

She reviewed the return on investment of monies used to fund Bangor Water's share of employee retirement contributions, noting that \$1,500 was drawn monthly from the investment account with the balance paid through operations. The goal is to keep the fund sustainable.

After questions about expenses, website design, and cell phones, the report was accepted as presented.

Progress Report: as presented.

III. **Old Business:**

Engineer's Report: Soucier updated the Board on

- Broadway (State to Cumberland): main line activated, contractor working on transferring service lines. Paving, loaming, and clean-up scheduled for later in September.
- Hammond (Maine/Odlin): main line installed and pressure-tested; disinfection in progress. Replacement of service lines followed by surface restoration should be completed in October.
- Hawkes drainage work: project complete.

2018 consumption projections: Moriarty summarized the current revenue received from PERC, Bangor Water's largest customer, and the impact of known cutbacks in 2018. The impact would be lessened if the proposed Fiberright plant comes on line, and uses water as the company projected.

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 were due to the City of Bangor City Clerk by Sept. 8. Interviews typically follow a few weeks later.

IV. New Business:

Meeting with Council committee: Moriarty said staff – and any interested Board member - were meeting in October to present information on Bangor Water's capital improvement plan.

Exchange, State, and French St bid: Soucier said the work is a joint project with City sewer work, reducing costs for both parties and inconvenience for customers. Five bids were received, and the Council's finance committee will recommend acceptance of the lowest overall bid for approval. After discussion, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously VOTED: to award the project bid to Eastwood Contractors, the lowest overall bidder (Bangor Water's portion \$734,950; City's portion \$1.2 million).

Soucier said work would begin this fall on the French Street portion, and continue as long as weather allows.

Charr management: Page updated the Board on the 2016 assessment done by UMaine graduate students. Bangor Water will provide \$3,600 to the Floods Pond Fellowship in 2017 to fund the ongoing study.

SRF project applications: Moriarty said applications for the funding are due at the end of September, and Bangor Water will be submitting five for consideration. This includes another joint project with the City on Union Street from Hammond to West Broadway, as well as other piping projects and continued work on the upgrade of the ozone disinfection system. The SRF award would provide partial funding of approved projects; the remaining funding would come from bond monies.

Board Correspondence: As distributed.

V. Other Business

Councilor Palmer asked staff to consider more prominent signage for the next round of flushing in two years.

Moriarty reminded the Board of the Thomas Hill Standpipe fall foliage tour on Oct. 11.

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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