

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the
Regular Monthly Meeting
Oct. 21, 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
John Lawler
Stan Miller
Gerry Palmer
Robert Sypitkowski
Dan Wellington

being more than a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustee Hamilton. In the absence of Trustee Hamilton, Trustee Sypitkowski chaired the meeting. 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 September meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Continuing to highlight various parts of the financial reports, Bailey explained the various "asset" categories and their role in District's fiscal picture. Reporting on the month's business, she said expenses and revenues were both within one percent of budget. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Trustee Wellington arrived.

Progress Report: as presented. Moriarty said 905 had attended the fall tour of Thomas Hill Standpipe, and that Dick Shaw would be doing a presentation for the staff on standpipe history on Nov. 12 at lunchtime.

Public Comment Period: None.

Old Business:

Engineer's Report: Pershken reported on

- Godfrey Blvd project – completed on Sept. 26. Slightly over budget due to additional pipe installed.
- Cross-base main rehabilitation project – company on-site to bore several sections of pipe that could not be lined due to bends. Boring was chosen over open-cut as price was within budget. Slight delay in completion due to rain.
- Pond Road reconstruction – will address 2,200 feet of road in worst shape starting Oct. 15 with Thanksgiving completion (greater distance than originally planned due to savings on other projects). One-way traffic maintained for deliveries and employees.

Infrastructure Planning: Moriarty explained the ongoing process of gathering/verifying data on the District's 200 miles of pipe as a planning tool for infrastructure replacement, noting that 28 percent or 60 miles of pipe are more than 100 years old. She reiterated that focus in the coming years would be on replacing old infrastructure, and the need to fund those projects through rates. Board members discussed possible means of communicating the value of safe, reliable water to customers as well as the necessity of dealing with aging facilities.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund status: Moriarty said Johnston Pump Station renovation work had made the primary list for the loan fund, with more information to come.

Regulatory reform: Moriarty reviewed suggested changes to rulemaking allowing water utilities to opt out of some Maine Public Utilities Commission regulations.

New Business:

Sanitary Survey: The inspection is conducted every three years, reviewing everything from operator licensing, record keeping, safety, and facilities inspections, to regulatory compliance. The required and/or suggested improvement items ranged from touching up standpipes with paint to screening drains to conducting a leak survey to tighten up the system. Moriarty said staff will follow up on the items in cooperation with the state inspector.

2015 calendar: approved as presented. Moriarty noted the June 2015 meeting will be on the third – instead of the second – Tuesday of the month.

Emera substation: Moriarty indicated the various locations being considered by Emera for a new substation behind BWD, due to increased demand at Eastern Maine Medical Center. The disposition of the old substation land – adjacent to BWD – remains to be determined.

Workforce planning: Moriarty said the District is currently fully staffed with the filling of a vacant utility worker position.

Board correspondence: The Trustees commented on various water-related articles.

Other business: Trustee Palmer said it appears the Council will wait to appoint water district trustees until after the Nov. 4 election. If elected, Palmer could not serve another term as a Trustee.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

Dan Wellington, clerk

Richard Fournier

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