

**Bangor Water District  
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
October 20, 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:

Richard Fournier  
Patricia Hamilton  
Gerry Palmer  
Robert Sypitkowski  
Dan Wellington

being a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustees Foss and Lawler. 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 of the regular September meeting were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bailey indicated that revenue for the month was higher than budgeted due to conversion of several quarterly accounts to monthly billing. Year-to-date revenue is up by one percent and expenses are down by one percent compared to budget.

**Progress Report:** as presented.

I. **Public Comment** : None.

II. **Old Business**:

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

- The 20-inch main serving the Dorothea Dix Center. BWD coordinated the project with Dorothea Dix personnel, and the District's portion of the project should be complete next month. Dix has issues with its piping that they should/may address.
- BIA fire flows. Conclusion of District's multi-year effort to increase fire flows at Polk Street hangers (Airport Dept. project had been approved by Fire Dept. in 2006 even though flows not available.) Installation of new sections of pipe as well as scouring and lining existing pipe sections increased flow by 60 percent.
- Treatment plant chemical injection pit. As part of 2015 capital budget, pit will be replaced with above-ground injection point making maintenance issues easier to address.

**Harvest summary:** Page said the 2015 work focused on 71 acres and produced 1483 tons of wood, for net revenue of \$34,000. She added the contractor working the site did an excellent job using measures to protect water quality, so that there was no impact from the five-inch rain event that occurred the week after the harvest.

**Safety audit update:** Moriarty reported on corrections to deficiencies found during a voluntary safety audit by SafetyWorks, noting the cost of the work – not including utility labor – was over \$11,000. Follow-up includes updating of District safety programs, including several items in the training schedule, and developing monthly safety check lists. The goal in 2016 is to have a fully functioning safety committee.

**Student projection project:** Moriarty noted a UMaine class in New Media had used Thomas Hill Standpipe as a projection screen displaying their projects as a first step in developing a presentation to be shown at the May standpipe tour in 2016. Both she and several Trustees had attended, and all expressed concern that the final products deal more specifically with Bangor Water topics (Floods Pond, standpipe history, value of water, etc.).

**Webcam update:** Moriarty said two proposed cameras by a local radio station would be mounted on an existing drain pipe and be enclosed in white cases. A draft lease had been distributed to Board members, and after discussion, it was upon motion being duly made and seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the General Manager to finalize contract negotiations including review by legal counsel.

**First and Davis Street bid results:** Pershken said 11 contractors had returned bids on the joint Bangor Water/City of Bangor project, with a low bid of \$515,000 (BWD's portion is \$196,000). Some work will be completed before winter, with the remainder to be done in the spring.

**Compensation survey update:** Moriarty indicated the information had just been received the previous day, and therefore would be on the November agenda. Board members asked for a summary of the results and recommendations in advance of the regular Board packet delivery.

### III. New Business

**Bangor High School water education:** Moriarty said a proposed program at Bangor High School to produce wastewater treatment plant operators may be expanded to include water treatment operators, and she is attending a planning session next month to facilitate Bangor Water's involvement.

**2015 Watershed inspection:** Moriarty presented the report received from the Maine Drinking Water Program, documenting Bangor Water's efforts to protect its watershed as part of its continuing exemption from filtration. The report indicated "no areas for improvement. The Bangor Water District is doing an excellent job of providing safe drinking water, and the watershed inspection shows you are not only meeting, but in some instances exceeding the SWTR requirements."

**Board Correspondence:** as distributed.

**Other business:**

- **Holiday Party:** scheduled for Friday, Dec. 18.

**Request for Thomas Hill Standpipe use for private function:** Moriarty said a bride asked to be married on the standpipe in November. The request does not meet the District's policy for opening the standpipe, which requires any exceptions to be specifically approved by the Board. There was strong consensus among Board members not to consider an exception.

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.

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Dan Wellington, clerk

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