

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the
Regular Monthly Meeting
Nov. 18, 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
Patty Hamilton
Stan Miller
Gerry Palmer
Robert Sypitkowski
Dan Wellington

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

Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Bailey reported that net income year-to-date is within one percent of budget. She noted that expenses for the month included tree-clearing along the pond road, and that electrical expenses were higher than budget due to a faulty meter reading at the Butler plant last year. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Progress Report: as presented. Moriarty said she had conducted several tours of the Butler plant in the last month, including one with Trustee Sypitkowski for Engineers without Borders.

Public Comment Period: None.

Old Business:

Engineer's Report: Pershken reported on

- Cross-base main rehabilitation project – BWD crew finished connections. Line was pressure tested, chlorinated, and returned to service.
- Pond Road reconstruction – ditching, drains, and manholes completed. Base paving started, surface paving shortly
- Hermon standpipe repairs – inspected by Limerick Steeplejacks due to leaky bolt found during inspection. Coating on floor has started to deteriorate, allowing water to leak. Bolts recoated.

Board vacancy: Moriarty reported that Trustees Palmer and former Trustee Ralph Foss will be recommended to the Council for appointment.

New Business:

Summary of contractor projects: Killip presented an overview of projects that were reviewed, permitted, and or/ inspected by the engineering department this year. He also discussed private vs. public mains, which impacts the responsibility for maintaining and repairing the lines and the hydrants.

2015 health insurance: Moriarty noted that costs for health insurance through Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust will increase by nine percent next year. Based on an 80/20 split, BWD costs will increase \$32,000. The average increase since 2000 has been 8.7 percent. Moriarty said District costs would have been \$106,500 higher had the utility not switched plans last year within the MMEHT offerings.

Insurance bid: Bailey reported that bids had been solicited for general liability, automobile, and worker's comp coverage from eight agencies, with three responding. She noted that last year's premiums totaled \$115,000. In particular, Bailey explained the proposal from the Maine Municipal Association in that BWD would become part of a self-insured pool. After discussion it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to award the general liability and auto coverage to MMA (low bidder at \$64,152) and the worker's comp coverage to Sargent, Tyler & West (low bidder at \$22,753).

and further it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: that the Bangor Water District become a member of the Maine Municipal Association Property and Casualty Pool and further, that the General Manager be authorized to execute any contract agreement required for membership on behalf of the Bangor Water District and to take whatever other actions may be necessary.

Moriarty said the District would recognize a savings of about \$28,000.

Chemical bids: Moriarty presented the results of the chemical bids for 2015, noting that six companies were solicited for seven types of chemicals. She recommended accepting the low bid on each line item, and it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to award the chemical bid to the low bidder on each line item.

If chemical use remains the same as in 2014, Moriarty said the District will recognize a savings of about five percent.

Standpipe tour request: Moriarty reviewed a request by the Bangor Symphony Orchestra to include a private tour of the standpipe as an item in their fundraising auction. Board policy allows tours that "consistent with the District's other responsibilities. . . provides significant community or public promotional opportunities benefitting the District and the City of Bangor." It was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to approve the tour with the same conditions as last year (immediately following regularly scheduled tour and limited to six attendees.)

Truck bid: Pershken presented bids for an “off the lot” truck, replacing a crew supervisor’s truck with a small dump-body truck. Four dealers bid on five different trucks, and the purchased vehicle will then be equipped with a sander, strobe lights, and yellow paint. After discussion it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to award the bid to Varney’s (low bidder at \$35,385) and to authorize \$8,997 for additional items.

Board correspondence: As presented.

Other business: Moriarty reminded the Board of

- Special meeting in December to address the budget
- The winter tour of Thomas Hill standpipe on Dec. 10
- The employee holiday party on Dec. 19
- A presentation by Dick Shaw for employees earlier in the month that was well received.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

Dan Wellington, clerk

Richard Fournier

Patty Hamilton

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Gerry Palmer

Robert Sypitkowski