

**Bangor Water District  
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 21, 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, and Financial Manager Bailey. 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

- Revenue for the month is up 4 percent compared to budget (due primarily to timber sales as consumption is down). Revenue year-to-date is down two percent
- Expenses for the month were higher due to materials, fuel, and electrical costs. Expenses year-to-date are down two percent.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

**Progress Report:** as presented.

III. **Old Business:**

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

- French, State, and Exchange project: Work began Oct. 13, and contractor has installed both water and sewer lines on French Street. Work on water and sewer laterals will be done over the winter.
- Butler ozone plant update: Meetings held with consulting engineer and contractor regarding work, including site visits and review of operational data. Next is ozone equipment RFP to review "traditional" vs. "new generation" options re pros, cons, and cost.
- Hermon standpipe rehab: Contractor repaired areas where water had seeped behind glass lining around bolts. Tank coating removed, seams bolts were sandblasted and sealed, and tank placed back in service after disinfection and sampling.
- Plow truck has been outfitted and delivered.

**Board appointment update:** Trustees Palmer and Foss re-appointed for three-year terms. Former Trustee Sypitkowski appointed to fill balance of Trustee Lawler's term.

#### **IV. New Business:**

**2018 calendar:** distributed.

**2018 health insurance:** Moriarty reviewed projections from Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust for next year, including a six percent increase in premiums (average increase since 2009 is 7.5 percent).

**2018 chemical bid:** Moriarty reviewed the various chemicals used at Butler ozone plant, Johnston pump station, and throughout the system. Based on low bids from four vendors for the seven substances, chemical costs will rise 1.8 percent for 2018. After discussion, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to award the chemical bid to the low bidder for each chemical for 12/1/2017 thru 11/30/2018.

**Lab car bid:** Bids to replace the department's 2010 car were reviewed. After discussion, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to award the bid to the low bidder for \$17,410 (Ford Fusion).

**Oct. 30 storm summary:** Moriarty said effects of the strong wind gusts and torrential rains included shore erosion at Floods Pond, downed trees and closed roads, and power issues. Treatment facilities ran on generators for six days (back-up generator available). Power was lost at various in-town stations, and staff moved portable generators to those locations as needed. Moriarty commended the staff for its response.

**Watershed inspection:** Moriarty reviewed the results of the 2017 annual review, one of the conditions for Bangor Water to meet its exemption to filtration. The State report received on the inspection this fall indicated criteria was not only met but in some cases exceeded requirements.

**Board Correspondence:** As distributed.

#### **V. Other Business**

Moriarty reminded the Board that there would be two meetings in December – the regular meeting on Dec. 19 and a special meeting to finalize the 2018 budget on Dec. 21.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 4:55 p.m.

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