

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 25, 2019**

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
Rick Fournier
Laurel Grosjean
Patty Hamilton
Dan Wellington

being more than a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustees Palmer and Sypitkowski. In the absence of the chair, vice-chair Foss conducted the meeting. In attendance: General Manager Moriarty, Finance Manager Bailey, District Engineer Soucier, and Office Manager Marchegiani. The clerk kept the minutes.

I. **Public Comment:** None.

II. **Administrative:**

Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Bailey reported that

- Consumption is lower than budget in all customer classes, probably due in part to a wet spring.
- Some revenue will be recovered from Hampden Water when a billing error is corrected in July.
- Wages are higher than budgeted because flushing was done by the construction crew rather than by summer help; savings should be recognized later in the summer when wages budgeted for summer help are not needed.
- Year-to-date, revenue is four percent less than budgeted and expenses are four percent higher than budgeted (due in part to winter leaks as well as flushing earlier in the year than planned).

After discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Trustee Hamilton joined the meeting.

Progress Report: Moriarty reported on her attendance at the national AWWA conference. Of particular interest were

- Emphasis on the use of social media to keep customers informed
- Need for a clear communication process during emergencies
- Importance of asset management in infrastructure planning
- Discussion of rate affordability, especially in areas of the country where water is scarce and costs are high.

After questions, the progress report was accepted as presented.

III. Old Business:

Engineer's Report: Soucier updated the Board on

- Main St project (joint with City) from Bass Park Boulevard to the Hampden town line. Work began June 10, emphasis on mitigating issues for evening events at the Cross Center and waterfront pavilion. Water line work has begun, second crew to start sewer work shortly.
- Butler ozone plant upgrade: Phase I (primarily outside work) to be completed by mid-August. Installation of overhead fiber line (1.7 miles) is 95 percent complete. Bypass and shutdown work tentatively scheduled for week of July 9.

Compaction testing services: Adding an item to the agenda, Soucier explained that compaction testing was needed for the Main Street project to help MDOT specs before repaving. One firm responded to the RFP, so FGS/CMT will perform the work.

Rate Case update: Moriarty said the rates had been approved by the MPUC and will go into effect on July 1 as proposed.

Workforce planning: Moriarty said interviews are being scheduled for the position of Office Assistant.

IV. New Business:

Union St and 14th St pipe replacement projects: Soucier said the projects involving c. 1910 and 1912 pipe were included in Bangor Water's capital improvement plan. The work is being done in advance of City road repaving, and were bid as one package due to their proximity to one another. Work would begin in July 2019 with completion by November. Only one bid was received, and it was noted that recent increases in material costs had occurred. After discussion, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously
VOTED: to award the bid to Sargent Corporation for \$2,331,156 (engineer's design budget estimate \$2,154,685).

Ozone generator bids: Soucier reminded the Board that Woodward & Curran had been contracted to review options for new ozone generator equipment as part of the plant upgrade. Four responses to an RFP were received, utilizing two different types of generators (traditional and modular). Soucier said the anticipated 20-year life cycle cost, reliability and maintenance considerations, and history of similar applications were explored in-depth by the staff and the consultants – who also conducted technical meetings with the vendors. Based on consultant input and lengthy staff evaluation, Soucier recommended award the ozone generator equipment bid to the low bidder, Suez Treatment Solutions (Ozonix) which utilizes the traditional configuration, and also had the lowest estimated life-cycle cost of \$3,999,470. It was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously
VOTED: to award the ozone generator bid to Suez Treatment for \$1,998,000.

Generator plug: Moriarty reviewed the generator hook-up at the UV plant which had been approved last fall in the capital budget at \$40,500. When the work took place six months later, the final cost was \$47,468. The additional \$6,900 will come from the capital budget contingency money.

Abatements, write-offs, and recovery: Moriarty reviewed the figures to date for 2019.

Testing for lead and copper at State facilities: Moriarty said she and Page had been invited to attend meetings with employees at Dorothea Dix regarding work being done by AE Hodsdon to test faucets in all buildings in the complex for lead and copper. The State is providing free lead testing for current and retired employees, and replacing any fixtures that show high lead levels.

Board Correspondence: Moriarty noted 634 visitors had attended the Thomas Hill Standpipe spring tour.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

Dan Wellington, clerk

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