

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 16, 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
Patty Hamilton
Gerry Palmer
Dan Wellington

being more than a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustees Grosjean and Sypitkowski. In attendance: General Manager Moriarty, Finance Manager Bailey, District Engineer Soucier, Water Quality Manager Page, and Office Manager Marchegiani. The clerk kept the minutes.

I. Public Comment: None.

II. Administrative:

Minutes: The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bailey reported that

- Revenue has recovered slightly but is still three percent below budget year-to-date (consumption is lower).
- Expenses are three percent higher than budget, due to leaks over the winter and using in-house personnel for flushing. Wage allocation should shift from O&M to capital as the construction season progresses.
- Bangor Water's investment fund advisors will attend the August meeting for the annual report on monies that fund the utility's share of employee retirement contributions.

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

Progress Report: Moriarty reported an issue with damage to a power line on the Floods Pond road that disabled electrical power and the landline for a period of time.

III. Old Business:

Engineer's Report: Soucier updated the Board on

- Main Street utility upgrade (joint project with City sewer): Some night work required (the next will be when crossing the I-395 ramp) and at least one lane of traffic in each direction is being maintained.
- Union Street and Fourteenth Street project: Work began July 8, and contractor will likely work six days a week for the Union Street portion.
- Butler ozone plant upgrade: Yard piping for bypass line completed (provides ability to reroute/bypass/isolate UV or ozone systems)

Workforce Planning: Moriarty reported that the inspector/engineering tech has started in the engineering department, and interviews are underway for an Office Assistant replacement.

Emergency disinfection System test: Moriarty reported a test of the EDS - which simulated treatment facilities being off-line (maintenance or emergency) – went well. Treatment took place at the EDS, and Brewer Water was on standby.

IV. New Business:

Lead and copper monitoring: Page reported that Bangor Water has passed this round of lead and copper monitoring. Bangor Water has no lead components in its system and there is no lead in the water; lead can be present in homes with lead soldering in the plumbing or lead in faucet fixtures. Bangor Water uses soda ash to control pH levels to reduce the corrosiveness of the water and thus reduce lead leaching from plumbing into the water. Sampling requires testing 30 homes with known lead components, where homeowners have let the water sit for at least six hours. Page said Bangor Water's 90th percentile results were 2.2 parts per billion for lead (EPA max level is 15 parts per billion) and 0.14 for copper (EPA max level is 1.3 parts per million).

CDC press release: Moriarty said the Maine CDC is investigating six cases of legionella in the greater Bangor area.

Legislative update: Moriarty said legislation that will take effect in 2024 will provide more income from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund for infrastructure work (water, wastewater, and MDOT).

Galvanized service line outreach: Moriarty reminded the Board that Bangor Water owns the portion of the individual service line from the water main to the curb stop, and the customer owns from the curbstop into the building. Utility records indicate that there may be more than 300 customers whose portion of the line is made of galvanized metal, prone to leakage and breaking after 50 years. The engineering department has sent letters to these customers, suggesting they investigate further and consider replacement in advance of a line collapse. Of the 16 responses received, 14 lines had already been replaced with copper according to the customer.

Board Correspondence: Thomas Hill standpipe summer tour on July 24.

Hearing no further business to come before the meeting, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously
VOTED: to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

Dan Wellington, clerk

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