

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 17, 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
Gerry Palmer
Robert Sypitkowski
Dan Wellington

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

I. Public Comment: None.

Investment Update: Taking the agenda out of order, representatives from First Advisors provided an annual update to the board on Bangor Water's investment fund; the investment fund is used to pay Bangor Water's portion of employee retirement through MainePERS.

II. Administrative:

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bailey reported that lower-than-budgeted consumption continued to impact revenue. However, costs usually incurred over the summer for flushing had occurred during the spring instead, so expenses had started to level out. After discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Progress Report: as presented. Moriarty said she is working to schedule a tour of the Fiberight plant for interested Trustees.

III. Old Business:

Engineer's Report: Soucier updated the Board on

- Main Street – progress being made but large amount of work remains before targeted completion date of Nov. 22. City sewer line installation completed, so second crew is now working on water lines.
- Union and 14th Street – main line installation completed on Union St. Final plans made with City for timing of surface restoration. Water line work will then center on 14th Street.

- Butler Ozone Upgrade – Fiber communications cable installed in buildings and final electrical connections made. Final piping for LOX connections and then testing of systems is next.
- Ozone equipment procurement – Bangor Water and selected vendor are working with attorney to modify parts of contract. Agreement appears to have been reached, and revised contract expected for signature.

Award: Moriarty confirmed that Bangor Water will receive the New England Water Utility of the Year award from the New England Water Works Association at its annual conference on Sept. 24.

Board appointment process: Both Board members seeking re-appointment indicated they had been contacted by City Hall for an interview.

IV. New Business:

2020 SRF project applications: Moriarty said staff had been working on applications for 2020 projects, funded through SRF monies: one in conjunction with City of Bangor work, two prior to street paving, and the fourth involving engineering work and land acquisition related to replacement of the BIA tank. All projects submitted by utilities are ranked by the Drinking Water Program, and those with the highest points make the primary list for funding. Any of Bangor's projects making the list would then need to be incorporated into the 2020 budget and approved by the Board. Additionally, there are several "in house" piping projects funded through the capital reserve account that may be considered for the budget.

Arctic Charr Management: Page reminded the Board of its continuing support for the University of Maine's arctic charr research work at Floods Pond. UMaine grad students have assessed the health and population of the charr for 17 years after Maine IF&W suspended their efforts. Bangor Water contributes an average of \$3,300 annually to support the work.

Alternative energy options: Moriarty reminded the Board that electricity (budgeted at \$257,000 for 2019) is one of Bangor Water's largest expenses, and staff is always looking for ways to reduce those costs. One may be reviewing options of wind power in later phases of the Pisgah Mountain development. Most recently, staff has been gathering initial information on solar panel installations, possibly in the watershed. Moriarty briefly reviewed preliminary information on funding and ownership options as provided by Revision Energy, whom she suggested meet with the Board. After discussion, the Board opted to schedule a workshop presentation to aid in future decision-making about the feasibility of pursuing solar options.

Electric line replacement: Moriarty reminded the Board that the five-mile electric line running from Route 9 in Eddington into the treatment plant and pump station is 61 years old and does not meet current standards. The line is owned by Bangor Water, and an initial estimate to replace the line was \$945,000. Once the line is brought up to standards, Emera Maine could assume responsibility for it for a substantial fee if Bangor Water wanted to divest itself of the responsibility. The project will likely be included in the 2020 budget for Board consideration.

Board correspondence: Moriarty reminded the Board of the Oct. 9 tour of Thomas Hill standpipe.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

Dan Wellington, clerk

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