

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 15, 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
Gerry Palmer
Robert Sypitkowski
Dan Wellington

being more than a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustee Hamilton. 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 September meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Finance Manager Bailey reported a slight recovery in water use, but year-to-date revenue is still three percent below budget. Expenses are lower for the month as work is allocated to capital projects, but year-to-date expenses are one percent over budget due primarily to leaks. After discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Progress Report: as presented.

III. Old Business:

Engineer's Report: Soucier updated the Board on

- Main Street utility upgrades (joint with City of Bangor): continuing to meet to monitor progress. Pressure testing and chlorinating of sections underway. Once water line is abandoned, remaining sewer installations can be made. Completion target: Nov. 22
- Union Street and 14th Street: project has reached substantial completion, with final tie in of services. Although not a joint project with the City, Bangor Water was able to coordinate for surface restoration to share costs.
- Thomas Hill promenade deck rehabilitation: new membrane, drains, and walking pads installed. Completed at the end of September.

New England Water Works Association Utility of the Year: Moriarty and several Trustees accepted the award at the fall conference. Moriarty reported employees enjoyed the luncheon provided by the Board in appreciation.

Board appointment process: Moriarty reminded the Board that three Trustees are up for re-appointment, with one not re-applying. The City Council typically votes on the appointments at the end of October, with members seated in January.

Solar energy options: Moriarty reviewed information gained at a Board workshop earlier in October on installing solar arrays to generate revenue, and the various options such as power purchase agreement and siting of that equipment. Based on the complexities, the General Manager recommended using a qualified vendor to conduct a feasibility study for the Board's consideration. After discussion, it was being made and duly seconded,
VOTED: to issue an RFQ for a qualified vendor to provide a feasibility study and, if approved, complete the application and permitting process.

Microplastics: Moriarty highlighted recent news of microplastics being found everywhere, including areas generally considered to be pristine. She said there is little research to date on health impacts, and that a test on a water sample performed by one of the few labs available could cost \$1200. She noted that any microplastics found in Floods Pond would have to have been transported by air, due to the protected nature of the watershed and lake. Board members discussed the need for reliable testing and interpretation for future consideration, and instructed staff to monitor developments for follow-up.

IV. New Business:

Employee recognition: Crew supervisor Nickerson has met all of the licensing requirements for his position.

Emergency response tabletop exercise: Moriarty explained that the EPA has provided a grant to the Maine Rural Water Association to assist water utilities with planning for emergencies, and that Bangor Water would be conducting a tabletop exercise in January to include various participants (City of Bangor, MEMA, large customers, media, other emergency response agencies).

2020 calendar: Moriarty distributed the calendar reflecting meeting dates and holidays.

Board correspondence: as distributed. Attendance at the Thomas Hill Standpipe fall tour was 1145.

Hearing no further business to come before the meeting, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded,
VOTED: to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Dan Wellington, clerk

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