

**Bangor Water District  
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
March 17, 2020**

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:

John Hwalek  
Gerry Palmer  
Mike Timpson  
Dan Wellington

being a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustees Foss, Hamilton, and Sypitkowski. Also in attendance: General Manager Moriarty and Finance Manager Bailey. Due to COVID-19 considerations, an abbreviated agenda was used and only a quorum of Trustees were in attendance.

I. **Public Comment:** None.

II. **Administrative:**

**Minutes:** After discussion, the minutes of the annual and regular February meetings and the February workshop were tabled for consideration at the next board meeting.

III. **Old Business:**

**Solar feasibility update:** Moriarty said she met with reps from ReVision Energy and identified possible 20-acre site in the watershed to erect a solar array for power generation, and that ReVision Energy – Bangor Water’s consultant – had confirmed that Emera Maine has capacity to receive the power. She provided the Board with solar array leasing options and power purchase agreement alternatives and estimated revenues over the 20-year life cycle. After consideration and discussion, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded unanimously

VOTED: to move forward with ReVision Energy to develop a lease for a solar array  
and  
to pursue purchase power agreement options.

**Rate case preparation:** Moriarty reviewed the schedule for the proposed rate case which – if approved by the Public Utilities Commission – would go into effect on July 1. The minimum residential water bill would increase \$1.03 per month while the average water bill would increase \$1.66 per month. Cash reserves could support a delay until Oct. 1 but a delay might result in a higher increase in 2021. Board members discussed the timing of the rate case considering the impact of COVID-19 - so far and in the future – on residential customers and businesses. The consensus was to move ahead with the rate case as scheduled, understanding that developments might require a delay in implementation. It was upon motion, being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to proceed with filing a rate case with the Maine Public Utilities Commission for a seven percent across-the-board increase to be effective July 1, 2020.

**IV. New Business:**

**Loan approval:** Bailey explained that a loan that funds upgrades to the ozone plan needed to be revised, due to delays in completion of the project. It was therefore upon motion, being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: to amend the \$2,342,690 Revenue Obligation Note Dated April 19, 2019, and awarded to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, Augusta, Maine by changing the maturity date to April 19, 2021 as shown on the attached Allonge, which is hereby adopted as if fully stated herein,  
and  
to authorize the Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Trustees to execute said Allonge and all other documents necessary to complete said amendment. All other terms and conditions as stated in said Revenue Obligation Note will remain the same.

**Forestry RFP:** Moriarty said RFPs for watershed forestry management had been sent to six firms, with two responding. The proposals were scored on a number of factors including qualifications, understanding scope of work, experience, commission and costs. Based on the score, staff recommended awarding to American Forest Management (the current forestry manager). It was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to award the project to AFM.

**Commitment of bills for collection:** The Board considered its annual action to assist in the collection of water bills, and it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to certify and commit to the Treasurer of Bangor Water a list of water rates established by Bangor Water and approved by the MPUC for locations required by local and State law to pay a water rate to the District, **for the period from March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021**, and as reflected in each District billing register. The Treasurer is hereby required and authorized to collect the amounts listed and approved interest by any means legally available under law.

**Board correspondence:** as distributed.

**Other Business:** Moriarty said the legislature is considering ways to allow remote participation in meetings by Board members, currently not allowed under State law.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

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Dan Wellington

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