

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of a Special Meeting
July 1, 2021**

A special meeting of the Bangor Water District Board of Trustees was held at 7:15 a.m. in the Hughes Building, 614 State Street. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, Trustees and staff participated in person and remotely, with both audio and visual available to all participants. Remote participation for the public was provided, but no one joined the meeting. Present were:

Ralph Foss
Patty Hamilton
Gerry Palmer
Robert Sypitkowski
Michael Timpson
Dan Wellington

being more than a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustee Hwalek. Also in attendance: General Manager Moriarty and Finance Manager Silva.

The special meeting followed an informational workshop with the Bangor City Council on June 28.

The single item on the agenda was the proposed 2021 rate case which – if approved – would become effective on Oct. 1.

Bangor Water's last rate increase was in 2019; an increase scheduled for July 2020 was deferred due to COVID impact considerations. Another increase is not anticipated until 2023.

Moriarty reviewed the proposed rate changes which would

- Increase the minimum water bill by \$2.05 per month (7 cents per day)
- Increase the average residential user's bill by \$3.14 per month (10 cents per day)
- Result in Bangor Water having the 19th lowest water rate in Maine

In addition to customer impact, the Board considered a number of items:

- The increase revenues will continue to fund a capital reserve account, as limited by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, as well as debt payment on upgrades to treatment facilities and pipe replacement projects.
- In Bangor's system, 42 miles (22 percent) of nearly 200 miles of water mains are more than 100 years old.
- The cost to replace one mile of pipe now averages \$2,000,000, and two miles of pipe should be replaced each year to ensure renewal of the system every 100 years.
- In addition to piping, infrastructure includes treatment facilities, pump stations, and standpipes. Replacement of the c. 1957 five-mile private power line feeding the treatment and pump stations at Floods Pond is scheduled for 2021, with a price tag of almost \$1,000,000. A \$5,900,000 upgrade of the 25-year-old ozone treatment plant will be completed this year, allowing efficient and reliable water treatment for another 25 years
- Design work continues on a project near BIA to replace two standpipes (constructed in 1944 and 1963) and a pump station (built in 1943) with one standpipe and a new pump station.

Moriarty reviewed the rate case process following the filing of the request with the MPUC, which includes mailed notification to all customers, a public hearing, and availability of information at the business office and in the website.

After review and discussion, it was upon motion being duly made and seconded, unanimously
VOTED: to file for a rate adjustment of 13.9 percent effective Oct. 1 for all customer classes.

Hearing no further business to come before the meeting, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously
VOTED: to adjourn at
(All Trustees present were visible during voting.)

Dan Wellington, clerk

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