

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 18, 2022**

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. Trustees and staff participated in person. Remote participation for the public was provided, but no one joined the meeting. Present were:

Ralph Foss
Patty Hamilton
John Hwalek
Gerry Palmer
Michael Timpson

Attended Remotely

,being a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustee Sypitkowski. Also in attendance: General Manager Moriarty, Finance Manager Silva, Water Quality Manager Spinney and District Engineer Saucier.

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

I. **Public comment:** None

II. **Administrative**

Minutes: The minutes of the regular June meeting were approved as written.

Report of the Treasurer: Finance Manager Silva presented an overview of the June financials, first highlighting the month's disbursements and investments and then reviewing the year-to-date revenues and expenses compared to the budget. Silva noted that operating revenues are on budget while operating expenses are down by 2%. Silva also noted that cash is higher than projected mostly due to timing of capital projects being completed. After discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as written.

Progress Report of the General Manager: After discussion pertaining to the replacement of the boiler in the Hughes Building, the progress report was accepted as written.

Report of the Personnel Committee:

III. **Old Business:**

Engineer's Report: Saucier updated the Board on the following projects:

Ozone Upgrade: Meetings with engineer and equipment supplier assisted in trouble shooting remaining issues.

Thomas Hill Standpipe: Plans for the generator have been approved by the City's Historic Preservation Committee (HPC). The T-Mobile lease agreement is currently undergoing review by attorney. Further analysis by T-Mobile's consultant is required on antenna upgrades.

BIA Expansion: The purchase and sale agreement is currently undergoing final legal review. Work on the pump station is scheduled to begin this week. Pipeline submittals are nearing completion.

Miscellaneous:

- Coordinated with Waterfront Concert venue on various issues.
- Main replacement plans for Young Street were completed and submitted to BWD's Construction Department. Work began earlier in the month.
- Coordinated with Construction Department in the development of 2023 Capital Project priorities.
- In an effort to feature one of the standard projects undertaken by the Engineering Department, Saucier discussed routine standpipe inspections and providing lease support.

Workforce Update: Moriarty reported the retirement of the current Billing Clerk at the end of October. The position has been posted and training the new hire will begin in mid-September. Moriarty then discussed the composition of the workforce noting that the years of service of employees is now significantly lower than it was a decade ago.

2021 Annual Report: Moriarty presented the 2021 Annual report, which was reviewed by the Trustees prior to the meeting. It was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously VOTED: to accept the 2021 Annual report of the Bangor Water District.

IV. New Business:

Lead and Copper Results: Lab director Spinney reported that Bangor Water has passed this round of lead and copper monitoring with the 90th percentile result for both lead and copper below the action level. In accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, samples were collected from thirty "Tier 1" homes built between 1982 and 1987 with known lead components. BWD uses soda ash to control pH levels to reduce the corrosiveness of the water and prevent lead from internal plumbing solder from leaching into the water. The next round of testing, in 2025 will include rule revisions.

Disinfection and byproduct testing: Spinney explained that byproducts are formed when chlorine reacts with organic matter. Samples are collected quarterly from four sites with the latest collected on July 12th. Although sampling results have not exceeded compliance levels, the results from the last three quarters have been higher than normal due to the alternate treatment process used during the ozone treatment upgrade. Results of the July 12th sampling are expected by the end of the month.

PFAS Update: PFAS are associated with adverse health effects. The EPA has issued an advisory until a regulation is established later in the year. The state of Maine has required all water systems to test for PFAS by December 2022. BWD is currently awaiting results of the sample that was taken in June.

Thomas Hill Standpipe Tour: The summer standpipe tour is scheduled for July 20th and is fully staffed.

Board Correspondence: as distributed.

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

VOTED: unanimously, to adjourn at the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Ralph Foss, Clerk

John Hwalek

Gerry Palmer

Robert Sypitkowski

Michael Timpson