

DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

Board of Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting held

August 21, 2008

A meeting, having been duly posted, was held this date at the main offices at 80 Old Bass River Rd., S Dennis. The meeting was called to order by Edward A. Crowell, Chairman at 4:04 PM. Water Commissioner Paul F. Prue and Charles F. Crowell were present along with the following District officials:

David Larkowski, Superintendent

Sheryl A. McMahon, Clerk & Treasurer

Ms. McMahon reviewed an application for abatement under the Water Commissioner's Leak Abatement Policy. Mr. Craig Plante has stated in writing that they have been unable to find the cause of the leak. He also stated that he was unaware of the 90-day window for applying for the Leak Abatement. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to grant a Leak Abatement in the amount of \$115.20 to Craig Plante, #11813, of 18C Lower County Rd, Dennisport.***

Mr. Larkowski described the easement being granted to NSTAR for the transformer being installed for the Iron & Manganese Treatment Project. He reported that the project is moving forward with approximately 14,000 linear feet having been installed by District crews to date. The crews are currently working on the south side near Grassy Pond (Well #9) and moving towards Old Bass River Road. Parts of the roadway being cleared are on existing pathways that are too narrow and have to be widened. The general contractor is at the two construction sites every day. He believes they will be working above ground by the end of September with the filters being delivered in October. Work will begin off Airline Road (Ulrich's easement area) after October.

The Superintendent reviewed the canvas of bids received for the purchase of Variable Frequency Drives. The results were as follows: Electrical Controls, Inc. - \$21,731, Granite City Electric - \$26,887.85 and Graybar Electric - \$27,173.07. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to award the bid purchase of eight variable frequency drives to Electrical Controls, Inc., as the lowest eligible and responsible bidder at the quoted price of \$21,731.***

The Superintendent reviewed the replacement of nine pumps necessary due to the additional head pressure that will be created when the treatment plants go on-line. The additional head pressure is necessary in order to push the water through the treatment filters. The canvas of bids was as follows: Maher Services, Inc. - \$126,400, R. E. Chapman Co. - \$166,280 and Layne Christensen - \$187,571.03. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to award the well pump replacement work #09-0002 to Maher Services, Inc., as the lowest eligible and responsible bidder at the quoted price of \$126,400.***

Mr. Larkowski advised the Board that the ten-wheel Chevy dump truck was not shifting properly. The engine and transmission coolers are in the same radiator and the coolant ended up in the transmission causing considerable damage and the need to replace the transmission. A used transmission was quoted at \$9,185.83 with a 90-day warranty. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to transfer \$9,185.83 from the FY 2009 Reserve Fund for emergency repairs to a District's Chevrolet dump truck.

Mr. Prue reviewed with the Board members the vehicle use policy in the District. The Superintendent stated that it is difficult to gauge what the price of fuel will be almost a year in advance of the budget. During the annual employee review process he discussed with employees the need to make a conscientious effort to shut vehicles and equipment off when not in use unless there is a need for emergency lighting, etc.

Ms. McMahon advised the Board that she will be preparing an insert for inclusion with the mailing of the semi-annual tax bills due to be mailed on or about October 1, 2008. It is the first time the District tax rate will appear on the real estate tax bills since fiscal 1988 (twenty years with a zero tax rate). The insert will also direct readers to the District's website for additional information.

With no further business before the Board, the Commissioners signed the Accounts Payable Warrants and on a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn their meeting at approximately 4.59 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A. McMahon, Clerk