

DENNIS WATER DISTRICT

Board of Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting held

February 7, 2007

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 4:00 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

Mr. Larkowski presented a canvas of bids for the purchase of new trucks. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to award the purchase of a new 4-wheel drive utility truck to Ford of Hyannis for \$26,500 (less trade-in) and a new pickup truck (less trade-in) to Liberty Chevrolet for \$11,716 respectively.***

Mr. Larkowski reviewed the history of chlorinating the distribution system with the Water Commissioners. He stated that the water is chlorinated just prior, during and after the flushing program in order to prevent any bacteria problems when the water in the mains is being disturbed. He also noted the occasions when the bacteria samples have indicated the necessity to chlorinate. He advised that the Department of Environmental Protection prefers that chlorination not be turned off but, rather it should be a consistent treatment application if it is warranted. As the Superintendent, Mr. Larkowski recommended that the District chlorinate the water year-round. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the Superintendent to begin year-round disinfection of the water distribution system.***

The Board discussed moving forward with the design and engineering of the Iron and Manganese Removal Project. Mr. Larkowski advised that the cost of this step of the project is estimated to cost approximately \$500,000. He has prepared a request for proposal and requested authorization to send it to a select group of engineers. Since the selection of an engineer for this type of project is exempt from the procurement statutes, he recommended that it not be advertised as a general solicitation but rather, be sent to a group of engineers that have experience and familiarity with the scope of this type of project. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to authorize the Superintendent to solicit quotations from a preferred list of engineering and consulting firms based on general scope of work to be determined.***

Also discussed at length was the various treatment processes being evaluated for the Iron and Manganese removal process. There are two types of medium currently being considered. One is Greensand, which based on a prior feasibility study which would work for the water being supplied by the District. The other is called Lanox which is also a proprietary medium. There was some discussion about the pros and cons of each. There was a consensus of the Board to investigate the cost of testing both mediums in order to make a final determination on which would be best suited for the District.

The Board of Water Commissioners reviewed the Operating and Maintenance Budget for the Fiscal Year 2008. Ms. McMahon stated that, other than payroll, the increases were due to energy costs and fixed benefits which are escalating significantly. The total increase over the prior year represents a 5.9% increase. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to approve an Operating and Maintenance Budget for FY 2008 of \$2,640,436.***

Ms. McMahon distributed a copy of the District's bylaws. She stated that the last time Article V - Water Extensions was used was back in the 1980's. She further advised that for the last twenty years, water mains for subdivisions or on private roads have been paid for in their entirety by the contractor or property owners. In her opinion, the financing of water main installations under this bylaw ultimately costs the rate payers money as the cost is adjusted downwards by the amount of money billed for actual water consumption. Considering that the District is near complete build-out in terms of expansion of the water distribution system to new development, she recommended that the Board authorize the inclusion of an article at the next Annual District Meeting to rescind this section of the bylaws. On a motion made by Paul F. Prue, and duly seconded, the Board ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to instruct the Treasurer to include an article on the Annual District Meeting Warrant for the rescission of Article V – Water Extensions for the District's Bylaws.***

With no further business before the Board, the Water Commissioners signed the accounts payable warrants and on a motion made by Charles F. Crowell, and duly seconded, ***UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A McMahon, Clerk