

Dighton Water District

**192 Williams St.
No. Dighton, Ma 02764**

**Patrick Menges
Sue Medeiros
Gregory Olsen**

COMMISSIONERS

Carol A. Stevens
TREASURER

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS VIDEO-RECORDED

June 11, 2013

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Patrick Menges called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Commissioner, Sue Medeiros and newly elected Commissioner, Gregory Olsen were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Patrick Menges asked for a moment of silence to reflect upon the memory of former employee Jack Berger and recount the good times that will always be associated with his name.

Vehicle Repair and Maintenance Bid Opening 7:05 P.M.

One bid was received from Advanced Automotive. Superintendent, Charles Cestodio recommended the Board accept the bid. Gregory Olsen made a motion to approve the bid from Advanced Automotive for the vehicle repairs and maintenance, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Commissioners' Toast

Patrick Menges toasted newly elected Commissioner, Gregory Olsen and welcomed him to the Dighton Water District.

Executive Session pending litigation, under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection (a) 3 was voted to be taken out of order and heard before meetings with scheduled guests. Patrick Menges entertained a motion to go into Executive Session under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection (a) 3, consideration of this matter in public session would prejudice the litigation position of the public body, so moved, Sue Medeiros, seconded, Gregory Olsen, motion carried the Board to resume its public session immediately after coming out of executive session. Roll call vote taken, Commissioner Medeiros, aye, Commissioner Olsen, aye, Chairman Menges, aye. A motion was made and seconded to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 P.M.

Meetings With Scheduled Guests

Approve Minutes of 14, May, and 22 May (9:a.m. and 10:a.m.) Meetings, May 23rd Annual Minutes

Patrick Menges declared the minutes approved with no objection as prepared for the Board's approval by the District Clerk.

Reading of Correspondence

Patrick Menges read a letter from the Department of Public Health sent by James Ballin, Deputy General Counsel. Patrick Menges entertained a motion the Clerk be instructed to send a polite thank you for this response to Mr. Ballin at the Department of Public Health, Sue Medeiros, so moved, seconded, Gregory Olsen, all were in favor..

Financial Condition

Patrick Menges reviewed the financial condition statements for the month. Patrick Menges entertained a motion to proceed to approve the expenditure warrants prepared for our signature by the District Accountant and forwarded to us by the District Treasurer, so moved, Sue Medeiros, seconded, Gregory Olsen, all were in favor.

Website Update

Carol Stevens gave an update regarding the website. Patrick Menges entertained a motion, statements made concerning the District website be considered a report and be accepted as such, Gregory Olsen, so moved, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Charles Cestodio handed out copies of his report for review. The text of the report was then read. Patrick Menges entertained a motion to approve \$7772.43 for National Grid work as stated in his report, Gregory Olsen, so moved, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor. Patrick Menges entertained a motion that Commissioner Menges and Commissioner Olsen meet with Mr. McGlynn at the Agricultural School at a date and time mutual convenient for all, Sue Medeiros, so moved, seconded, Gregory Olsen, all were in favor. Patrick Menges entertained a motion the Superintendent has use of overtime for the purpose of flushing and expect it to be accomplished in three days, Gregory Olsen, so moved, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor. Patrick Menges entertained a motion the record reflects the Board agreed by consensus to have Commissioner Olsen contact the City of Taunton about the lagoon matter. Patrick Menges made a motion the Superintendent's report be accepted as a report of progress and the Superintendent be instructed to continue to function as outlined, Gregory Olsen, so moved, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Water Resources Trustees' Report

Water Resources Trustee report was delivered by Patrick Menges. Patrick Menges entertained a motion the report of the Water Resources Trust Board of Trustees be accepted. So moved, Sue Medeiros, seconded, Gregory Olsen, all were in favor.

Old Business

Real Estate/Acquisition, Williams Street, Emminent Domain/Grant Meeting with Owner's Representative Sale

Patrick Menges entertained a motion to request Attorney Fredericks arrange a meeting with Al Ross, Sue Medeiros, so moved, seconded, Gregory Olsen and all were in favor.

Drinking Water Land Acquisition Grant Application

Patrick Menges entertained a motion an indication be received by Chuck from Mark Owen if there is a likely hood D.E.P. grant application will be approved, if so Chuck be instructed to proceed, check whether or not master plan appropriation money helps, costs are to be monitored if it starts to spiral out of control contact the Board, not going to spend a lot of money to be denied, Sue Medeiros, so moved, seconded, Gregory Olsen, all were in favor.

Sale 527 Somerset Avenue; Special District Meeting to Reduce Price

Patrick Menges entertained a motion to place on the warrant for the next Special District meeting an article proposing 527 Somerset Avenue building price be

reduced from \$250,000 to \$200,000, Sue Medeiros, so moved, seconded, Gregory Olsen, all were in favor.

Water Rates Annual Review/Revision

Copy of rates to be reviewed by everyone and may be discussed July 9th.

DOR Management Review-Implementation Progress

Patrick Menges review the DOR Management Review index with everyone. Patrick Menges entertained a motion the overview be accepted as delivered, Gregory Olsen, so moved, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Schedule Contract Negotiations Strategy Session

To be held June 14, 2013 at 8:00 A.M.

Schedule Contract Negotiations With Management Personnel/Rank & File

Monday, June 17, 2013 at 4:00 P.M.

Time Clock Selection/Purchase

Carol Stevens gave an update on the time clock purchase.

New Business

Creation of Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund

Patrick Menges mentioned the creation of a Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund needed to be placed on a Special District Meeting Warrant for the fall.

Revise Consolidated District Manual

Patrick Menges mentioned the Consolidated District Manual needed to be put in the computer so changes could be made and page numbers revised.

Procurements:

Independent Audit

Patrick Menges entertained a motion the staff be requested to produce solicitation for bids for an independent audit for the July meeting, Sue Medeiros, so moved, seconded, Gregory Olsen, all were in favor.

Outgoing Chairman's Statement

Patrick Menges gave a very heartfelt outgoing Chairman's Statement and thanked everyone for their help during his time as Chairman.

Re-organization

Patrick Menges stepped down and made a motion to elect Sue Medeiros as Chairman of Commissioners for 2013-2014, seconded, Gregory Olsen, all were in favor. Sue Medeiros mentioned she has gained an education over the last four years and thanked the staff, employees, who go above and beyond. Sue Medeiros thanked Patrick Menges who she learned so much from, and welcomed Gregory Olsen saying he brings with him a wealth of knowledge. Sue Medeiros mentioned she enjoyed working with former Commissioner Paul Joly.

Sue Medeiros stepped down and made a motion to elect Patrick Menges as Clerk of Commissioners, seconded, Gregory Olsen, all were in favor.

Sue Medeiros stepped down and made a motion to re-appoint Charles Cestodio Jr. as Superintendent of the Dighton Water District for 2013/2014, Patrick Menges, so moved, seconded, Gregory Olsen, all were in favor.

Sue Medeiros entertained a motion to re-appoint Carol Stevens Clerk/Treasurer of the Dighton Water District for 2013/2014, Gregory Olsen, so moved, seconded, Patrick Menges, all were in favor.

Announcements

Union Contract Negotiation Strategy Session June 14, 2013 - 8:00 A.M.
Union Contract Negotiations, Monday 17, June 2013 - 4:00 P.M.
Next Regular Meeting of Commissioners, Tuesday, 9 July, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.
Anyone interested in being on the Dighton Water District Finance Committee contact the office at 508-824-9390. Sue Medeiros thanked Michael Perry who has been with the District so long and has such knowledge of the District, for serving on the Finance Committee.

Acknowledgements

Thank you was given to all who have donated time, talent and resources to the mission of the District. North Dighton Fire District was acknowledged for a water award they received. Sue Medeiros thanked the staff, management, employees, mentioning everyone wants what's best for the District.

Public Input

Joseph Pimento from Main Street was in attendance to ask some questions of the Board regarding people in the District and out of the District. Joseph Pimento asked if the double rate for those out of the District had been implemented yet. He was informed the double rates would start with the July billing. Joseph Pimento questioned the fairness if it was going to make everyone equal. Joseph Pimento asked Gregory Olsen to look into the matter of who initiated the plan and would be at the next meeting wanting answers. Patrick Menges mentioned the solution reached is fair. Joseph Pimento mentioned everyone gets the fire protection and the fire rating they have to pay taxes like the rest of the people are paying. Sue Medeiros and Patrick Menges explained how everything was handled and how Chapter 359 played a role. Joseph Pimento asked how he could get out of the District, people out of the District have the same benefit I do, water running by, well, ability to tap into the system, they don't pay taxes I should be able to walk out say I don't want to pay taxes. Joseph Pimento mentioned he wanted the public to know how unfair the tax system is, some of the people who aren't paying taxes deserve to pay the taxes and the people who are paying the taxes should be here complaining about it. Joseph Pimento said, "Good Evening" and then left the meeting. James Ready mentioned people out of the District have town water asked for it that's a petition. James Ready mentioned people in the District were getting it in the neck. Sue Medeiros and Patrick Menges again explained how there were meetings and the procedures taken.

Adjournment

Gregory Olsen made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 P.M., seconded, Patrick Menges, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Stevens
District Clerk

Those in Attendance:

Patrick Menges
Sue Medeiros
Gregory Olsen
Carol Stevens
Charles Cestodio Jr.
Dorian Jefferson

James Ready- Video-Recording
