

**Dighton Water District
192 Williams Street
North Dighton, MA 02764**

**Edward Swartz
Jeffery Cloonan
Dorian Jefferson
*COMMISSIONERS***

**Tina Bragga
*TREASURER***

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED

Tuesday December 8, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
Water District Headquarters

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Ed Swartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday December 8, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING WITH SCHEDULED GUESTS: Dick Johnson, Utility Services Group, Ice Pigging and Reestablishing Wells

Dick Johnson and Eric Merithew presented ice pigging and its benefits. Mr. Johnson explained that the ice would be made from the District's water then pumped through the water main and how the ice would remove the sediment as it moves through the main. Superintendent O'Brien stated that he would like to reestablishing the wells at Cedar Street prior to possible ice pigging. The Board then discussed reestablishing of wells and the different methods available. Chairman Swartz requested that Utility Services send their engineer to lay out a plan for ice pigging at no cost to the District. There is money in the budget for reestablishing the wells and will be done over the winter. Superintendent O'Brien will put together a priority list for the water mains for possible ice pigging. Ice pigging would need to go on a District Meeting warrant.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Chairman Ed Swartz entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 Board meeting, November 18th tax setting and November 19th Special District meeting. Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Swartz stated there was a letter received from the Union requesting the start of contract negotiations. The letter was referred to District counsel.

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

Chairman Swartz read the financial conditions and asked for a motion to accept the financial reports. Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to approve the warrants as presented, Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Cathal O'Brien reported there had been two breaks and they will be paved shortly. Possible solar farm at 2320 Williams Street who are abutters to Cedar #3, will update in January.

The District has received gravel and sand for main breaks and sanding of the roads.

The used truck the District bought from the state auction will be painted by the Auto Auction. We are also in the process of trying to find a new seat for this truck.

The Board discussed the Community Electricity Aggregation Program that will be offered to National Grid customers in Dighton. The District is presently in a contract with another electrical supplier until April 2016.

Superintendent O'Brien reported that he met with the Somerset Police and Fire chief. They would like to swap out their antennas on the Elm Street tank for a dish. Prefer not to drill into the tank. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to allow Somerset to swap out the antennas on the Elm Street tank, Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded and motion passed.

Bristol County Agricultural High School is offering the District two interns for about an hour a day, four days a week. Interns would shadow the employees. The school is required to supply the District prior to entering the building with paper work stating they are insuring the students, supervising and under their direction.

Superintendent O'Brien is also mentoring a student from the alternative high school in Taunton.

OLD BUSINESS:

Intermunicipal Agreement – Superintendent O'Brien has met with Superintendent Lima of the Somerset Water Department. Somerset is willing to give the pipe that runs in front of Georgio's plaza but needs to get their water from Brook Street to Somerset Village. Superintendent O'Brien feels that the state should support running the main from Brook to Somerset. This would increase fire protection to this area. Superintendent O'Brien will speak to Representative Patricia Haddad.

GIS Mapping – no update

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Swartz thanked the Dighton Garden Club for the Christmas Holiday wreath.

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is January 12th at 6:00 PM.

Online bill pay should be available at the end of December.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Ed Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Those in Attendance:

Edward Swartz

Dorian Jefferson

Jeffrey Cloonan

Chairman Ed Swartz

Commissioner Jeff Cloonan

Commissioner Dorian Jefferson