

**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 January 19, 2016 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 January 19, 2016.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING WITH SCHEDULED GUESTS:

Elizabeth Mason of McLane Middleton representing Verizon Wireless – 1522R Williams Street/Bid Lease Verizon Wireless. Verizon Wireless has submitted a proposal for installation of wireless telecommunication equipment on the District standpipe at 1522R Williams Street. Ms. Mason stated that there are a few additional items that will be provided shortly to be included with the submitted bid. Verizon Wireless and Ms. Mason will be looking forward to District Counsel’s review and negotiating a good lease.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Chairman Ed Swartz entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 Board meeting, Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Chairman Swartz stepped down and seconded, motion passed unanimously.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

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

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

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Cathal O’Brien reported that staff has repaired clarifier filter number two. Will be performing a citric acid cleaning on the clarifiers. Have started working with the District Treasurer on fiscal 2017 budget. There have been no water breaks but have had two hydrants hit.

Chairman Swartz questioned if the District is aggressively change meters. The Board discussed with Cathal varies different ideas to increase the meter program. A monthly update of will be given to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Intermunicipal Agreement – Superintendent O’Brien suggested possibly upgrading the Taunton pump station. Would like to have Steve Rose of Woodward and Curran do an evaluation. The Board stated to put a proposal together for the fiscal 2017 budget.

Superintendent O’Brien also would like to consider extending some of the chemical contracts. The Board agrees and requested to bring a list to the budget meeting.

GIS Mapping – no update

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is February 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC INPUT: Jim Ready questioned if the meter fee on the residential water bills will every go away. Chairman Ed Swartz reported that the board will be reevaluating this fee. Also mentioned was if the District would consider a senior discount. The Board will have to further research a discount.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Ed Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 6:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Those in Attendance:
Edward Swartz
Dorian Jefferson

Chairman Ed Swartz

Commissioner Dorian Jefferson