

**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, March 8, 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, March 8, 2016.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Chairman Ed Swartz entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 Board meeting, Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Swartz read a notice to abutters in regards to a solar project on Williams Street. Public hearing is being held at the Town Hall on March 9, 2016 at 7:30 PM. The second correspondence was a letter from Gay and Gay in regards to contract negotiations. The third correspondence was from the board of selectman requesting a waiver of all water district permit fees associated with the Dighton Police Station building project. Chairman Swartz explained that the District cannot waive fees, it has to be in exchange for in kind services. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to refer to the Superintendent to get a draft agreement with the selectman and come back for the board's approval. Commissioner Jefferson so moved, Commissioner Cloonan seconded and all were in favor.

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 thanked the Manheim Auto Auction and Jeff Jackson who has painted, repaired trim and some body work to the District's new truck.

In the process of getting prices for a new PH Analyzer and road saw.

Lagoon cleaning, will be having Lopes set up to clean out lagoon number three by the end of the month.

Cathal reported on water quality.

The Board approved the District to join the Taunton Area of Chamber of Commerce.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meter Program – Superintendent O’Brien reported that 42 meters have been replaced with digital read meters since the February 9th meeting. Cathal would like to replace 300 meters per year for a five year turn over. The Board discussed meters and replacement.

Intermunicipal Agreement – no update.

GIS Mapping – Superintendent O’Brien will be meeting with Heidi from Town Hall.

Water Rates/Fees – Draft – Will be having a public hearing prior to the Annual District meeting on May 26th.

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and Special Articles - The Board was presented with a draft warrant for the Annual District meeting, The Board took under advisement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce – previously discussed

Truck Disposition – The Board discussed disposing of the district’s 1999 utility truck. Will look into scraping the truck.

Nominations for Commissioner for three years will be open from March 4, 2016 to April 4, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is April 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Nominations for Commissioner for three years will be open from March 4, 2016 to April 4, 2016

Annual District Election - May 16, 2016 from noon to 7:00 PM

Annual District Meeting - May 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM

PUBLIC INPUT: Jim Ready asked if the Industrial Committee could help with the leg work of selling water to outside companies. Superintendent O’Brien is currently on this committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Ed Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Chairman Ed Swartz

Commissioner Jeffrey Cloonan

Commissioner Dorian Jefferson