

Dighton Water District
192 Williams Street
North Dighton, MA 02764

Edward Swartz
Derek Lach
Jason Quinn
COMMISSIONERS
Tina Bragga
Clerk/Treasurer

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 3:00 P.M.
Water District Headquarters

Chairman of the Board Ed Swartz called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM on October 9, 2019.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the following meetings: September 17th monthly and executive session, motions passed unanimously.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

Chairman Swartz reviewed the budget to actual and receivable reports. Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to accept the financial reports, Commissioner Lach so moved, Commissioner Quinn seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to approve the warrants as prepared, Lach so moved, Quinn seconded, motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Jeffrey Cloonan reported turbidity meters have been delivered and Treatment Operators are in the process of installing.

Pac tank has been cleaned and is back in service. Going forward the pac tank will be cleaned out every other year. Repairs were made to a main break on Center Street and a few service leaks.

Rules and Regulation changes were presented to the Board.

A list of problematic meters was presented to the Board. It is necessary to access these homes to repair the meters, residents have been tagged. Outstanding water bills and procedures to collect were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Land Adjacent to Cedar Street Well – District Engineers are looking into the property available behind Cedar Street #1. Board discussed making an offer to purchase the land.

527 Somerset Avenue Renovations – Have one quote in hand for roofing, windows and gable ends, waiting for one more estimate. Heater needs to be replaced. In the process of looking into a mini split rather than replacing the furnace or running a gas line. Have one quote in hand for mini split.

Morton Building – Received a price of eighty thousand for a 30'X50' building. Would probably run an additional twenty thousand to complete with electric.

Irrigation Systems on New Homes – Irrigation systems are prohibited on town water as stated in the District’s Rules and Regulations Section VIII - Lawn and/or Garden Watering Systems. Send copy to the Town Boards for their reference.

Bristol County Fire Chief’s Microwave Project – No update.
Subdivision Plans, Review Increase Deposit – Will be addressed in the rate structure.
Morton Building at Treatment – No update

Main Street Water Main – Chairman Swartz and Superintendent Cloonan met with Town Administrator Mallory Aronstien and Highway Superintendent Tom Ferry in regards to the water main replacement and paving of Main Street. The Town would like an agreement from the Water District that we are committed to replacing the water main. Mallory will contact Representative Pat Haddad’s office to set up a meeting to discuss possible funding through Safe Drinking Water. Project will have to be bonded.

GIS Mapping – No update
Town Administrator Grants – No update
Fuel Depot – The town is moving forward.
Strawberry Fields Easement – No update

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Meeting Warrant – Special warrant was reviewed. Board set meeting date for November 7th at 7:00 PM to be held at the Old Town Hall. Public hearing to review and approve District Rules and Regulation changes will be held prior to the Special meeting at 6:30 PM. Board discussed whether to use free cash to lower the tax rate. Will ask for estimated tax rate when giving \$200,000.00 versus zero dollars to reduce tax rate. Will discuss further after estimates are received. Replacing filter media was discussed, one filter replacement will be placed on the Special warrant. An article for \$45,000.00 to start Ice Pig water mains will be placed on the warrant and would like to have a presentation on the process prior to commenting. Well source exploration on Brook Street was discussed, will need to research cost further before placing on warrant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners – Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM with Public Hearing to immediately follow at 6:30 PM and Special District meeting at 7:00 PM. Meetings will be held at the Old Town Hall. Meeting to sign the Special Meeting Warrant – Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7:00 AM


PUBLIC INPUT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Board of Commissioners voted to enter into executive session at 4:24 PM under the provisions of Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) (3) to discuss contract negotiations. Roll call was taken. Meeting will not return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 PM.

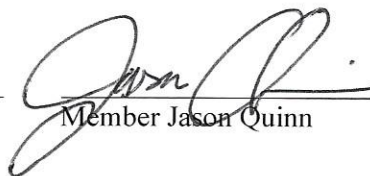
Respectfully Submitted,



Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Chairman Ed Swartz



Clerk Derek Lach

Member Jason Quinn