

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

Derek Lach
Jason Quinn
Eric Horrocks
COMMISSIONERS
Tina Bragga
Clerk/Treasurer

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED

Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Treatment Plant

Chairman of the Board Derek Lach called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 19, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

On a motion made and seconded the Board approved the minutes of the July 22nd monthly and July 22nd executive session meeting.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE: no correspondence

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

On a motion made and seconded the Board voted to accept the financial reports as presented.

On a motion made and seconded the Board approved the expenditure warrants as presented.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Jeff Cloonan reported that both the Elm and Williams Street mixers need repairs. Waiting on a VFD for Elm, motor repairs for Williams. One mixer was sent to California for the motor repairs. Elm Street is up and running with a back up VFD. Mixer have a 5 to 7-year life expectance. Board would like to start setting aside funds on a yearly bases to pay for mixer replacements.

Jeff, District Engineers, along with Town Assessor Carol Beauregard, met with Town Administrator Mike Mullen to discuss the District tax rate. It was explained to Mr. Mullen that we are looking for a flat tax rate. Mullen will relay to the Department of Revenue. Raising water rates were briefly discussed. Will have a public hearing to announce proposed water rate increase.

There was a Main Street Water Main Replacement kick off meeting held with Woodard & Curran. Topics discussed were valves, hydrants and reviewing specs. The survey of Main Street should be complete by the end of August. Looking to start project in the spring.

Zenner will be starting to install the collector and making the necessary repairs to MIU's on September 7th. We have had approximately 500 customers call to set up appointments for the repair of their MIU. Zenner will be replacing the batteries in the MIU then updating the firmware to communicate with the collector.

Jeff presented the Board with PFAS Testing proposals from both Environmental Partners and Woodard & Curran. Environmental Partners came in at \$15,500 with Woodard & Curran at \$12,000 for initial sampling. Taps will need to be replaced prior to testing. PFAS testing is very sensitive and needs to be done prior to October 1st. Results of the initial testing will determine how often we will need to test going forward.

On a motion made and seconded the Board voted to award Woodard & Curran task order #4 PFAS Sampling Program Assistance for \$12,000.00 from their draft proposal for Engineering Services for Water Source and Treatment Evaluation, PFAS testing and Technical Assistance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elm Street Antenna's – T-Mobile renewal amendment is still being reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Service Application – The Board agreed while the moratorium is in effect all new service applications will be reviewed by the Commissioners at their monthly meeting. If necessary board will meet every two weeks to review. Previously approved subdivision lots are not subject to board review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners – Thursday, September 9th, 6:00pm

PUBLIC INPUT:

Executive Session:

Board of Commissioners voted to enter into executive session at 6:50pm under the provisions of Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) (3) . Roll call was taken. Meeting will not return to open session.

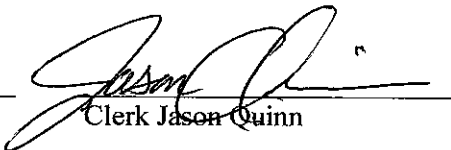
ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Lach made a motion to adjourn at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

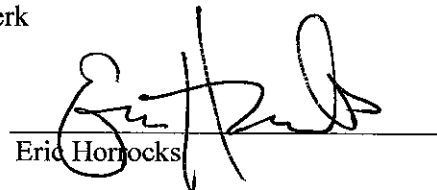

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