

**LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 26, 2018**

Chairman Joseph Driscoll called the regular meeting of the Laconia Water Department Board of Water Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018 in the conference room at the Water Treatment Facility at 117 Stark Street. Present were Commissioners Gregory Page, Dennis Bothamley and Joseph Driscoll; Ex-Officio member Public Works Director Wesley Anderson, Superintendent Seth Nuttelman and Clerk Cheryl Hounsell.

A motion was made by Greg Page seconded by Wes Anderson, to accept the minutes of July 12, 2018. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Greg Page, seconded by Wes Anderson, to approve the accounts payables and the financial statement dated July 25, 2018. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

PAUGUS BAY MILFOIL- Seth stated that treatment of Milfoil in Moulton Cove and Pickerel Cove took place on July 19, 2018. Amy Smagula did pre-testing in the lake and at the treatment plant. She did her first post-sampling on July 23rd. She will send all results to us as they come in.

LANGLEY COVE- Nothing new to report.

COURT STREET UPDATE- Seth stated that Court St. is going along. Seth further stated that we have a few more digs. We will be moving a hydrant tomorrow. We are hoping to wrap up next week. Greg asked how the shut downs went. Seth stated that the two large digs on Court St. went well.

WATER RATES- Seth distributed a copy of the newspaper article from the Laconia Daily Sun that ran this morning concerning the water rates to all the board members. Seth stated that he had received a telephone call from Councilor David Bownes and Councilor Bownes felt that a water increase of \$54 per year for a family of four seemed a little high. Seth sent him out information that was used to arrive at this amount. Greg stated that because our current water rates are so low any increase looks substantial. Seth stated that we are looking at this increase due to a lot of capital work that needs to be done and the declining sales. Seth further stated that nationwide water consumptions are declining. Seth reminded the members that the Public Hearing for the water rate increase is on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Water Treatment Plant at 117 Stark Street.

MASTER PLAN- Seth stated that he watched Krista Larson's sewer presentation at the city council meeting on July 23, 2018. It looks like a percentage of the cost would go to the rate payers and a portion to the property owners or general tax base. Wes stated that they are concentrating on the Elm Street/Parade Road/Meredith Center Road (McIntyre Parcel). Seth distributed the Contribution to Future Water Use report and reviewed the information with the Board members. Seth spoke with City Manager, Scott Myers and he is open to attending a meeting of the Water Commissioners to explain more about the expansion of the water system as outlined in the Master Plan. Dennis questioned why the current rate payers should pay for something that benefits all the taxpayers. Wes stated that they are working on a sewer rate increase.

COURT STREET BRIDGE- Seth stated that we have sent all the information for the Court Street Bridge to the engineers including a specification on direct boring and a copy of our specifications.

Seth further stated that we received a bid number of \$70,000 from Henniker Drill to do the directional boring on the Court Street Bridge. The entire bridge job is going out to bid in January 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe stated that he had read an article in the NY Times concerning Flint, Michigan. The article stated that no child was poisoned by the water quality issue. They are working on a baseline for lead. The article further stated that numerous water systems around the country contain lead.

UNION AVENUE – STARK STREET TO ELM STREET-Seth stated that the scope of work for Union Avenue from Stark Street to Elm Street has changed. There may be conflicts that require a drain being run from Union Avenue down to the lake. They are looking at running this down the water works driveway to the lake. We would need to speak to the Drinking Water Bureau concerning this change. Seth stated that he believed this would require a settling chamber as this would need to settle out prior to entering the water. The drainage pipe would be a 20" or 24" diameter. A suggestion was made to possibly extend the pipe out in the water and further away from our intake.

VFD BASE-Seth stated that after we had problems with the VFD at base we changed the point setting on the device. The other day the device shut down when it got too hot. We are working on getting the problem corrected.

TREATMENT PLANT SHUTDOWN – Seth stated that the blowers turn on when we are doing a flushing on the clarifiers at the treatment plant. When the blowers turned on, they shorted out. We lost power to the treatment plant and the generator did not turn on. We determined that the generator did not turn on because it was being told that there was power coming in from the street. We were able to manually shut down the pumps at base and the gates. We had Giguere Electric come in and they found a short in the lead circuit of the blowers and it has been fixed.

WATER QUALITY SUPERVISOR POSITION-Seth stated that the posting of the Water Quality Supervisor position has been sent to the Concord Monitor, Granite State Rural Water, American Water Works Association, New England Water Works Association, Indeed.Com, The Laconia Daily Sun and some other on-line locations. We are hoping to have someone in place three to four weeks before Floyd retires. Floyd is retiring in mid-October.

UNION AVENUE-MAIN STREET TO GILFORD AVENUE-Seth stated that the requirements for the water work on this project has been sent to the engineers. While reviewing our records we determined that ductile iron was put in under the brook in 1977. This means that we will not have to do any directional boring. This will be a large savings on this project.

No further business, a motion was made by Greg Page, Seconded by Wes Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

Cheryl Hounsell, Clerk

Authorized Signature

Date