

**LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 24, 2018**

Chairman Greg Page called the regular meeting of the Laconia Water Department Board of Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2018 in the conference room at the Water Treatment Facility at 117 Stark Street. Present were Commissioners Gregory Page and Dennis Bothamley; Ex-Officio member Public Works Director Wesley Anderson, Superintendent Seth Nuttelman and Clerk Cheryl Hounsell. Absent was Commissioner Joseph Driscoll.

A motion was made by Wes Anderson seconded by Dennis Bothamley, to accept the minutes of May 10, 2018. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Wes Anderson, seconded by Dennis Bothamley, to approve the accounts payables and the financial statement dated May 23, 2018. The vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PAUGUS BAY MILFOIL-** Seth stated that Amy Smagula seems to support the use of Procellacor to treat the milfoil issue in the lake. Procellacor is an herbicide used to treat milfoil that has no EPA restrictions. Seth further stated that we have researched the herbicide and found that there are no restrictions being placed on it at this time by the EPA. Seth stated that due to a timing issue there will be no spring application in Paugus Bay to treat milfoil. They are pushing for a July application being done in Pickerel and Moulton Coves. Dennis stated that he had done some research on the Procellacor and found that it had been used in Wolfboro, not on a drinking water source and it is cheaper and keeps the weeds down better and it dissipates sooner. Seth stated that he spoke to Paul Suska, Drinking Water Bureau, concerning the Procellacor and the Drinking Water Bureau reiterates that EPA has no restrictions on the herbicide for treatment of milfoil and if it were to be used they would make sure that the water purveyor is comfortable with treatment.

**LANGLEY COVE-** Nothing new to report.

**2018/2019 BUDGET-** Seth stated he presented the budget to the City Council on 5/14/18 and it went well. He discussed the consumption sold being down and the possibility of a rate increase. He also touched on the number of Capital projects we are looking at doing in the next couple of years.

**Water Main Replacement/Sewer Lateral Issues-**There is nothing new to report.

**Court Street Update-** Seth stated that the project is progressing well. Busby is doing the Sewer. While replacing the sewer near the intersection of Lawrence Court, they encountered a leak on the water main. When we did the repair we found a very pitted water main and the pipe had been installed in 1982. We relayed 60 feet with ductile iron all the way back and tied into the existing plastic pipe. The pipe seems to have a thinner wall than what we have historically used. Seth stated that we have started the small digs on Court St. We will do the work at the intersection of Fair and Court Streets after Busby has completed the sewer; sometime after bike week.

**BOWMAN STREET-** Seth stated that the job went well and we wrapped it up on 5/18/2018.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APRIL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**-Seth stated that we should be at 83.33% of our current year budget. The residential and commercial water billing is under 4% or \$90,000. Total Income is under 4% or \$118,000. Salaries are under 3.6% or \$35,668. Total Expenses are under about 3% or \$87,000 less \$25,000 for contingency brings us to expenses being under \$62,584. Income is under \$118,390 for a net loss of \$55,806. Consumptions are substantially down at this time.

**MECHANIC STREET MAIN BREAK**-Seth stated that on Friday, May 11, 2018 at about 5:30 p.m. we received a call that there was a water main break on Mechanic St. The crew was called back into work and made the repair working until 3:00 a.m. We lost about 400,000 gallons in 40 minutes. We are watching the cut for possible undermining of the area from the water main break.

**TWO MILLION GALLON WATER TANK**-Seth stated that the two million gallon water tank at the treatment plant was refurbished in 2011. We had the tank inspected last week by Underwater Solutions and the tank is leaking again. We found that the panel repair from 2011 has failed. Natgun Tank did the structural refurbishment in 2011 and we did the aesthetic. Our cost was about \$60,000. Seth stated that Natgun Tanks was taken over by DK Tanks. Seth has reached out to Chris Hodgson previously of Natgun Tanks and now DK Tanks and he has sent him some pictures of the work that needs to be done on the tank. Chris will look at the pictures and review the report once it is available. The tank was installed in 1978. There is effervescence on the tank in the same area where it was before the tank was refurbished. Greg Page asked what the life expectancy of a concrete water tank is. Seth stated that we were told a lifetime by Natgun, but Seth is thinking maybe 50 years. One of the suggestions from the divers that did the inspection on the tank was to line the entire tank once it is repaired. Seth will keep the board informed of any developments on the tank.

**WATER RATES**-Seth distributed a packet of information pertaining to a water rate increase. He reviewed the information with the board members. A discussion followed. Seth stated that we need a rate increase for Capital projects whether it is to pay for a bond for the projects or save the money for the projects. Greg stated that it is a cost of doing business. Greg stated that a small unit charge increase could stabilize the revenues after the large decrease in consumptions. The members were asked to review the information and call Seth with any questions. It will be brought back up at the next meeting on June 14, 2018.

No further business, a motion was made by Wes Anderson, Seconded by Dennis Bothamley to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

*Cheryl Hounsell*

Cheryl Hounsell, Clerk

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Authorized Signature

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Date

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