

LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 6, 2019

Chairman Joe Driscoll called the regular meeting of the Laconia Water Department Board of Water Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2019 in the conference room at the Water Treatment Facility at 117 Stark Street. Present were Commissioners Dennis Bothamley, and Joseph Driscoll; Ex-Officio member Public Works Director Wesley Anderson; Superintendent Seth Nuttelman, Clerk Cheryl Hounsell. Absent were Commissioner Greg Page and Ex-Officio member Councilman Andrew Hosmer.

A motion was made by Dennis Bothamley, seconded by Wes Anderson, to accept the minutes of May 23, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Dennis Bothamley, seconded by Wes Anderson, to approve the accounts payables and the financial statement dated June 5, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

2019-2020 BUDGET-Seth stated that Councilman David Bownes came into the office yesterday. Seth went over the budget with him and answered some questions that he raised. Councilman Bownes asked if he had any projections on water rate increases going forward. Seth stated that we are not planning any increases in the near future and is still evaluating the results of the last increase.

PAUGUS BAY MILFOIL – Seth stated that the first milfoil treatment in Paugus Bay is scheduled on June 28th on the northern part of the lake. Dennis questioned what the State tests for after the treatment of the area. Seth will look into this.

2 MILLION GALLON TANK-Seth stated that the lining of the 2 MG tank and the cure process is complete. We have filled the tank and we are now sampling it. We will drain the tank and refill it before putting it back on line. We should have it drained by Monday and the tank should be back on by the end of next week. Seth stated that we will be doing some shifting around of the treatment plant personnel schedules while the 2MG tank is off and we are supplying the city with the 1.3 MG tank during motorcycle week. This is to make sure that we don't run too low on our tank level. Seth is meeting with the treatment plant personnel this afternoon.

COURT STREET BRIDGE-Nothing new to report

MESSER STREET FROM THE RR TRACKS AT BISSON AVENUE TO UNION AVENUE- Seth stated that we stopped at the drain in front of Dutile Oil as the drain needs to remain until Busby has completed the drain work in this area and then it will be removed. Once the drain is removed, we will go back and finish that section of Messer Street. We are cleaning up Messer Street today and will not be back digging until after motorcycle week. We will maintain the ditch. The Sewer Department will line the sewer on Messer Street next week.

FINISHED FLOW METER-Seth stated that the finished flow meter has been purchased and it is here. We will wait until the 2MG tank is back online to install the meter.

JOB OPENING-Seth stated that the job opening for a mechanic/equipment operator has been filled. We have hired Jeff Coulter and he starts on June 24th.

NEW BUSINESS:

CCR PROGRAM-Seth reviewed the annual CCR Program pamphlet with the board members. He stated that DES is currently creating additional regulations and maximum contaminant levels for PFOA's. There will possibly be mandatory testing requirements by the fourth quarter of 2019 and then quarterly testing going forward. The cost for this testing could run between \$300 and \$500 per quarter. Seth stated that we are looking

into purchasing a circulator mixing valve for the Briarcrest water tank. The cost would be about \$30,000. This device would keep the water fresh and use less chlorine which would keep down the THMs. Seth stated that the CCR report can be found on the city website and all water customers have been notified on their water bills during the months of March, April, and May. It will also be available thru the Laconia Links.


STATE SANITARY SURVEY-Seth stated that we had the State Sanitary Survey yesterday. Rick Sharinka from D.E.S. came and met with Seth for discussions and then proceeded to the treatment plant where he met with Brian, Mary Ellen, and Jason to review the laboratory, plant, and booster stations. Everything seemed to go fine.

COLA AS OF 7/1/2019-Seth stated that we budgeted 2.25% COLA. The City employees' COLA is tied to the Consumer Price Index and they are receiving a 2.5% COLA as of 7/1/19. We ran the numbers and the difference between 2.25% and 2.50% would be \$2400 for all employees for the year. It will not affect the proposed budget. A motion was made by Dennis Bothamley to increase the COLA going into effect on 7/1/2019 from 2.25% to 2.50% for all water works employees. The vote was unanimous. The chairman signed the new wage schedule effective July 1, 2019.

No further business, a motion was made by Dennis Bothamley, seconded by Wes Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

Cheryl Hounsell

Cheryl A Hounsell, Clerk


Authorized Signature

6/20/2019
Date