

LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
July 7, 2022

Chairman Brian Wolf called the regular meeting of the Laconia Water Department Board of Water Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2022, in the conference room at the Water Treatment Facility at 117 Stark Street. Present were Commissioners Brian Wolf and Joseph Driscoll; Ex-Officio members Public Works Director Wesley Anderson and Councilman Robert Soucy; Superintendent Ben Crawford, and Clerk Cheryl Hounsell.

A motion was made by Wes Anderson, seconded by Joe Driscoll, to accept the minutes of June 16, 2022. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Wes Anderson, seconded by Joe Driscoll, to approve the accounts payable and the financial statement dated July 6, 2022. The vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**FINANCIAL DIRECTION/RATE REVIEW-** Ben reviewed the water billing consumption thru June 2022 with the members. Water consumptions were down about 7.8% or \$119,600. Ben reviewed the financial forecast for Fiscal years 2023 and 2024. We are running about 4% under on revenues and 4% over on expenses. The members talked about doing a rate increase for the water billing and when and how much we could be looking at implementing in the future. There was some discussion on electronic water billing and the costs associated with implementing it.

**WATER MAIN PROJECTS-** Ben stated that we are starting on Franklin Street on Monday. Ben also stated that we are finishing up inspecting the water extension on Summit Avenue by two individuals for their house lots.

**COURT STREET BRIDGE-** Ben stated that he, Krista, and the engineer are meeting with the State tomorrow in Concord.

**DEPARTMENT SECURITY-** Ben stated that Artie is verifying camera costs. Ben is looking into a cyber security grant for up to \$50,000 for VPN on remote access, and backups, both hardware and software.

**MOUNTAIN LAKE VILLAGE-** Ben stated that there is nothing new.

**GRANTS-** Ben stated that he is looking at a Water Supply Protection Area grant to replace the large signs we currently have at base facing the water.

**LANGLEY COVE**-Ben stated that he spoke with Paul Busby, he told him that he gave Brady Sullivan a cost of \$800,000 to put in the 2,000 feet of pipe on Weirs Blvd. Ben is going to look over the information that he received from Busby.

**WEIRS TANK DEMOLITION**- Ben stated that they are still in Berlin. Joe asked if we could possibly request that they not start the demolition of the tank until after Labor Day. Ben will reach out to Always Wrecking. Ben also stated that Eric Messier has been shopping around for a price to clean the active Weirs water tank.

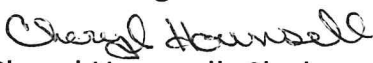
**MILFOIL TREATMENT**-Ben stated that they will be treating for milfoil on July 14, 2022. The area to be treated is at Christmas Island and the Weirs Channel. The people involved with the treatment have the emergency numbers if there are any unforeseen problems. Some concerns were raised concerning the proximity of the sandbar near the Margate and the water intake. We will add the area to our sampling list.

**TURNER WAY**-Ben distributed a packet from the city manager. Wes stated that you should look at the maps in the packet. Bob stated that the city council would like to see what they can do to help the water situation and extending services to the northern end of the city. Bob asked Ben to see if he can come up with any available funding options for water. There was some discussion of doing a work session (special meeting) to discuss this issue further. Any plan would need to include participation from the property owners.

**LAFAYETTE STREET LOT/LWW LOTS**-Ben stated that he met with the treatment plant personnel concerning the house agreements and on-call coverage. Some discussion followed. Ben will bring back requested information at the next meeting. Wes left at 9:18 a.m.

The members decided to table the remaining items until the next meeting.

No further business, a motion was made by Robert Soucy, seconded by Joe Driscoll to adjourn the meeting at: 9:28 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

  
Cheryl Hounsell, Clerk

  
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