

LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 11, 2019

Chairman Dennis Bothamley called the regular meeting of the Laconia Water Department Board of Water Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019 in the conference room at the Water Treatment Facility at 117 Stark Street. Present were Commissioners Greg Page, Dennis Bothamley, and Joseph Driscoll; Ex-Officio member Public Works Director Wesley Anderson; Superintendent Seth Nuttelman, Clerk Cheryl Hounsell. Absent was Ex-Officio member Councilman Andrew Hosmer.

A motion was made by Joe Driscoll, seconded by Wes Anderson, to accept the minutes of June 20, 2019. 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 10, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

2019-2020 BUDGET-Seth stated that the budget for 2020 was approved by the City Council on Monday, July 8, 2019. Seth further stated that we are currently working on closing out 2019.

PAUGUS BAY MILFOIL – Seth distributed a map of the scheduled milfoil treatment area. Seth stated that the Christmas Island area was treated with Procaccor on 6/28/19. The State of NH tested five areas including the treatment area on July 1st and they were all non-detectable for Procaccor. The question was raised as to whether we should be testing earlier than 3 days. Denny questioned if we heard back from the State as to what they are testing for. Seth will inquire again with the State of NH. Performing our own tests was also discussed.

COURT STREET BRIDGE-Seth stated that there are contaminated soils from petroleum products at the Court Street Bridge. Seth has brought in Nick of Dubois & King to do some checking as to what type pipe works best in contaminated soils. We will sleeve the pipe under the bridge.

MESSER STREET FROM THE RR TRACKS TO UNION AVENUE- Seth stated that Messer Street from Union Avenue to Irving Street has been pressure tested, chlorinated and energized. Busby installed the 30" drain going under our water main. The pipe is at 5' so we have put pipe insulation around that section of pipe. There is about 100' of water pipe that will need to be installed once the old drain pipe has been removed.

BRIARCREST TANK MIXING VALVE-Seth stated that Jason has contacted Giguere Electric concerning the installation of the Briarcrest Tank mixing valve. Seth further stated that the installation should be done by the end of summer.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES FROM 6/20/19- Dennis Bothamley passed out copies of the minutes from the non-public session on June 20, 2019 for the Board to review. The only correction was in the spelling of a name. A motion was made by Joe Driscoll, seconded by Wes Anderson to approve the minutes of the non-public session on June 20, 2019 with the change as discussed. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

WATER SOLD FISCAL YEAR 2019– Seth distributed a report of the consumption billed from 2000 to 2019 as well as a bar chart of the same information. The report shows the consumption billed in both Gallons and Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF). In 2018 we sold 591,245 HCF, in 2019 602,340 HCF and we are estimating that we will bill 615,459 HCF in 2020.

BIRCHHAVEN WATER LINE-Seth distributed a handout of the Birchhaven water line to the members. Seth stated that on July 4th around 5:30 pm a boat anchor hooked the 2” water line in the lake that feeds the Birchhaven area. We called in a diver for 7:00 a.m. on July 5th and he repaired the line and left. We found out that there were still a couple of people without water after the diver left and we called in a second diver who came in around 3:00 p.m. There were two additional breaks that were fixed and the water was turned back on around 8:30 p.m. We are looking at possibly moving the water line closer to shore to avoid the problem of boat anchors hooking the line. We thought we would also reach out to Marine Patrol to see if there is a buoy that is available for “no anchoring”. Ben spoke with the customers involved with the water main break. There are about 8 customers on this section of water line. Channel Lane is all ledge and it is private which is probably why the water line was put in the lake. Seth is working on coming up with some costs to relay this water line closer to the shore. The diver also told us that there are areas of the water line that needs to be weighted down.

BUSY WEEK-Seth stated that over the Fourth of July Weekend Endicott Station USB port went down, the Evergreen station lost its pump control module, the surface wash piping blew apart and the VFD at base got too hot and kicked off. We shut down, reset and started the pump back up. NH Electric Motors came in Monday and is looking into the VFD problem. Seth stated that we will be starting the gate run. We have had the leak detection company in the Weirs funded through a State Grant and he has found two water leaks. We will fix the leaks, then we have 10-12 digs to do on Court St, and we also have some gates to raise. We will be going into Bell Hill & Leewood Drive for the water main relay by the end of August. Seth stated that we have about 12 applicants for the Laborer/Truck Driver position and we will be doing interviews on Monday and Tuesday.

No further business, a motion was made by Greg Page, seconded by Wes Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

Cheryl A. Hounsell

Cheryl A Hounsell, Clerk

Authorized Signature

Date

7/25/19