

**LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 12, 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 12, 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 Dennis Bothamley, to accept the minutes of June 28, 2018. Wes Anderson stated that there is one small correction on page two about half way down the first paragraph it should read "at the first meeting in August" not the first week of August. A motion was made by Greg Page, seconded by Dennis Bothamley to accept the minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Greg Page, seconded by Dennis Bothamley, to approve the accounts payables and the financial statement dated July 11, 2018. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

PAUGUS BAY MILFOIL- Seth stated that treatment of Milfoil is taking place today. Pickerel Cove is being treated with Procellacor and Moulton Cove is being treated with 2-4D. Seth will e-mail Bob Wolfe today to verify that additional testing is in place for this treatment. We have previously requested additional testing after treatment to establish a database that we can base future decisions for treatment of Paugus Bay on. Seth stated that he still needs to have a conversation with Paul Suska of the Drinking Water Bureau. Joe questioned if there was a testing process available for the Procellacor. Seth stated that there is a testing process for testing the site treated by Procellacor.

LANGLEY COVE- Seth stated that the Langley Cove Development received Planning Board Approval Tuesday night. Seth further stated that he and Ben wrote the requirements that will be part of the final approval. We are not sure when we will see activity on this project.

2018/2019 BUDGET- Seth stated that the City Council approved the Water Department budget as submitted.

COURT STREET UPDATE- Seth stated that Court St. is going along. Seth further stated that when they were doing a redesign for the sewer work at the intersection of Fair and Court Streets it was determined that the water is closer than we thought. We will do our first dig for the intersection on Monday, July 16th and the second dig will be on Tuesday. We will regroup on Wednesday and then on Thursday we will do the dig at the West and Court Streets intersection and come back in at midnight to do the pipe work. Seth stated that the gas company will have someone on Fair Street while we dig. On Monday, July 23rd we will do the relocation of the water main around the sewer on Fair St. on the Academy St. end.

MASTER PLAN-Seth stated that all has been quiet. We have just started to put some estimated numbers together for the water expansion. Wes stated that they will be presenting a sewer rate proposal based on the existing sewer system and a separate rate based on the expansion of sewer.

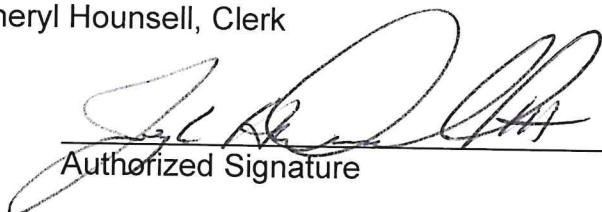
COURT STREET BRIDGE-Seth stated that he and Ben are working on details to send over to the engineers. They spoke with representatives from DBU and Henniker Direct Boring companies. DBU stated that it would be about \$450 per foot for the directional bore. This would include the 16" sleeve and the 12" high density pipe. The estimated cost would be \$100,000 each for the Court St. Bridge and the Jewett Brook Bridge. Henniker is going to give us a written proposal. We are hoping to have all information to the engineers by the end of next week.

WATER RATES-Seth distributed a copy of Denny's e-mail and spreadsheet to the board members. Denny stated that currently our revenue from base charges is about 48% and revenue from the consumption is about 52%. We are currently seeing a decline in consumption. Denny further stated that we need to look at our rate setting structure going forward. After much discussion a motion was made by Greg Page, seconded by Dennis Bothamley to move forward with the process for the water rate increase by raising the water consumption \$.50 from \$1.85 to \$2.35 per hundred cubic feet and raising the base rate \$1.00 from \$20.00 to \$21.00 per unit generating approximately \$350,000 in additional annual revenues. The vote was unanimous. After some discussion, it was decided to have the public hearing on August 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the water treatment plant conference room.

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

Cheryl Hounsell

Cheryl Hounsell, Clerk


Authorized Signature

7/26/18
Date