

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Somerset Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Scott O'Brien at 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Office, at the Water Treatment Plant, 3249 County Street, Somerset, MA.

Commissioners present: Chairman Scott O'Brien, Vice Chairman Roger Benevides, and Clerk Joseph Bednarik.

Also present: Superintendent Robert Bozikowski, Harold Gracia, Patty Carreiro, and Jacquelyn Ferreira.

William Trezenka from Bentley Builders and George Austin from the Spectator were also present.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

2. The Board voted to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 17th, October 2nd, and October 16th, 2019 meetings of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. The motion was made by Chairman O'Brien and seconded by Vice-Chairman Benevides. All in favor.

3. Routine vouchers totaling \$32,991.03 for the Water Department and \$8,817.95 for the Water Pollution Control Facility were approved and signed by the Board. They are to be hand delivered to the Town Accountant's Office in the morning.

The reservoir level is 126" below full.

Plant flows for the Water Department are 2.0 million gallons per day.

Plant flows for the Waste Water Pollution Control Facility were 2.6 million gallons per day.

4. A. Superintendent Bozikowski provided 8 articles to be considered for approval for the Special Town Meeting on December 2nd, 2019. Vice-Chairman Benevides motioned to table Article 6, and Chairman O'Brien seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Benevides motioned to table Article 7, and Clerk Bednarik seconded the motion. All in favor.

Vice-Chairman Benevides motioned to approve payment to Hart Engineering in the amount of \$3,679.20. Clerk Bednarik seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. B. The Renaissance Group (Fairfield Inn) requested to plumb their elevator sumps into the sewer. William Trezenka from Bentley Builders spoke on behalf of the Renaissance Group. The Board discussed approving the request contingent upon the engineer stamping the drawings submitted, as well as having the condition in place that if groundwater becomes a problem, the elevator sumps would need to be redirected elsewhere. Vice-Chairman Benevides motioned to approve request. Clerk Bednarik seconded the request. Chairman O'Brien abstained.

5. No correspondence was received.

6. There was an application for a drain layers license from Lamontagne Building & Excavation Inc. located at 491 Fresh Meadow Lane, North Dighton, MA 02764. Clerk Bednarik made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Vice-Chairman Benevides. All in favor.

7. A. Disinfection By-Product Rule (DBPR) samples are scheduled to be collected the first week in December. Somerset Water Department will continue to cycle Water Treatment Plant on and off to fill the tank level(s). One storage tank will be removed from service early November in an effort to reduce water age and potential formation of disinfection by-products. Somerset Water Department will manually flush the distribution as staffing and weather allow.

New analyzer received capable of doing some in-house testing for Disinfection By-Product (DBP) and Total Organic Carbon (TOC). This will help monitor the reservoir, Water Treatment Plant, and distribution system throughout the year, with changing seasons and demand, to help make better informed decisions.

Mass DEP sanitary survey was performed Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019. No significant deficiencies were reported during the inspection. Somerset Water Department is awaiting the official report of findings.

Somerset Water Department equipment operator is still not back at work, with no definitive date of return as of now. Current staffing for the road crew is: (1) foreman and (2) labors, one of which is scheduled the majority of the days completing work orders.

Hart Engineering replaced the last effluent valve at the Water Treatment Plant. The clarifier rehab project is now complete.

Harbor Controls is scheduled to do yearly venturi flow testing now that the filter unit project is complete.

New VFD component for the Dighton well is scheduled to be programmed October 31st, 2019 by Watermark Electric. When complete, work can continue on UV system and chemical feed system.

7. B. Mr. Gracia reported 5.01 inches of rain, with 13 days of precipitation for the month of October. Flows were 1.7 million gallons to start the month, and 2.6 million gallons to end the month.

Mr. Gracia reported the tank drain valves broke 20 inches below the surface. Superintendent Bozikowski suggested calling HydroTech to see about the repairs.

Mr. Gracia reported that Coastal is scheduled to make repairs to the pump station for Gay Street for November 7th, 2019.

Mr. Gracia reported that the newly-hired laborer will be leaving on November 8th, 2019. The Board recommended soliciting candidates to be interviewed right away.

Mr. Gracia reported that the new generator installed at Route 6 pump station is working. Eneroc is nearing completion of work on generators for rebate programs. Venus de Milo pipe supports on Lee's River Bridge are reconnected.

7. C. Superintendent Bozikowski reported that the preliminary budget for tank aeration to reduce the TTHM's is \$2,000,000.00. He recommended collection of more data to confirm if this is a prudent use of funds. Data includes repair of west tank mixing system and further testing, WP analysis of treatment process, and desktop review of treatment alternatives.

Route 6 pump station rehabilitation engineering is approximately \$53,000.00. Superintendent Bozikowski plans to refine the scope and perform engineering this winter.

Superintendent Bozikowski reached out to Fall River Water Department regarding grit disposal but has not heard back yet. Our attorney produced a contract, but the vendor has yet to approve it.

On Thursday, October 24th, 2019 Superintendent Bozikowski and Mr. Gracia met with Green Mountain Pipeline Services to investigate methods to repair sewer pipes. Ray Bar is very knowledgeable. They also met with Scott Tessier of New England Pipe Restoration on Wednesday, October 20th, 2019.

WP is completing the water and sewer management plans. Superintendent Bozikowski, Mr. Wickman and Mr. Gracia have prepared their final comments. Superintendent Bozikowski would like WP to present their findings to the Board at a Special Meeting.

Dave Columbo recommended a structural engineer from Weston & Sampson to review roof loads for solar panel installation. Superintendent Bozikowski is waiting for a proposal. Conservation Commission application has been filed for the solar project and will be heard on November 4th, 2019.

8. No Executive Session.

9. No further business appearing. Vice-Chairman Benevides motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 P.M. Seconded by Chairman O'Brien.

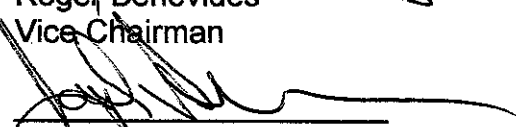
Respectfully submitted,
APPROVED:



Scott O'Brien
Chairman



Roger Benevides
Vice Chairman



Joseph Bednarik
Clerk

November 13, 2019