

1. The regular schedule 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 and Patty Carreiro.

The next scheduled meeting for the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

2. The Board voted to waive the reading of the minutes of September 3, 2019 meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. The motion was made by Chairman Benevides and seconded by Clerk Bednarik. All in favor.

3. Routine vouchers totaling \$9,741.20 for the Water Department and \$1,397.10 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 105" below full.

Plant flows for the Water Department are 2.3 million gallons per day.

Plant flows for the Waste Water Pollution Control Facility were 1.9 million gallons per day.

4. A. Superintendent Bozikowski recommended approval of amendment to Wright Pierce contract to resolve ACO. The cost proposal is \$37,000. Vice Chairman Benevides made the motion to sign the proposal, second by Clerk Bednarik. All in favor.

B. Clerk Bednarik made a motion to change the Board Meetings from Tuesday to Wednesday moving forward. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Benevides. All in favor.

C. Superintendent Bozikowski reviewed the Special Articles to be discussed at the Town Meeting December 2, 2019.

D. Vice Chairman Benevides made a motion to appoint Jacquelyn Ferreira of 26 Elm Street to the full time billing clerk pending a physical and Cori check. Jacquelyn will be a Grade M-1, Step 2. Her start date will be October 21, 2019. Motion was seconded by Clerk Bednarik. All in favor.

5. There was no correspondence received.

6. There were no applications or licenses to approve.

7. A. Mr. Gracia stated that there were no PH violations, in the month of September.

Mr. Gracia informed the Board that he has been having a difficult time finding a vendor that will remove grit from the Water Pollution Control Facility.

There have been issues regarding the primary clarifier scum arm tripping high torque alarms. The unit will have to be taken out of service and assessed.

National Grid informed Mr. Gracia that the Dublin Street Pump Station needs to be shut down for two days to replace a pole at the street. Mr. Gracia will coordinate outage with National Grid. The Board suggested having a backup generator available in case of an emergency.

Mr. Bowden and Wright Pierce inspected connections at Lepes Road/Fairfield Common Hotel this past week.

7 B. Mr. Wickman stated that TTHM results from 9/3/19 on four sites exceeded the MCL (80 ppb), three sites exceed the OEL and LRAA. On average each site had a 5 ppb increase in the LRAA from quarter II 2019 results. The plant was off during sampling and could have played a factor. Public notices will be sent to all customers in the October sewer bills.

Somerset Water Department equipment operator is out on a medical condition until mid-October. Our secondary Backhoe operator has been filling in when required. The Sewer Department has been very cooperative in supplying a CDL driver when required. Somerset Highway has also contributed a CDL driver.

The current road crew has a total of four members including the foreman. Jason Soares and Mike Agresti's positions have not been replaced.

The new plant operator is now on a set schedule and working out very well. He seems motivated, and wants to learn.

Labor in Vein Brook was cleared from the dam toe drain manhole to Whetstone Hill Road culvert by Bristol County Mosquito Control.

Hart Engineering continues to work on filter rehab project #2 and #3 filters units, and should be completed by the end of the week.

The final coat of for the metal roof at the Water Treatment Plant is being applied this week.

The final tie-in for John Street at Wilbur Ave. is still pending due to a valve that is not performing as expected. Additional valves may be needed to complete the tie-in.

The final tie-in for Grant and Pratt was completed on 9/16/19.

The final tie-in for Sunshine Dr. and Homer Dr. is scheduled for later this month. If money and time allow, the next step in this project is to tie in Fishers Way and the Pilot/Anchor Dr. neighborhood.

C. Superintendent Bozikowski stated that Taunton Sewer is appealing its discharge permit. Dave Burns from DEEP said this will likely delay issuance of our permit.

Union grievances are being addressed by legal counsel.

Diman High School students are looking for projects to do for the school year.

Mr. Lima, Mr. Benevides and Superintendent Bozikowski met to discuss the solar bids. Non-bidders had issues with the design and performance requirements. Superintendent Bozikowski has discussed changes to the bid with Power Engineers.

Wright Pierce drafted a report on the capital needs of the Waste Water system noted a budget need of 70 million dollars. Mr. Bozikowski said we should consider timing with regard to other Town projects.

8. Executive Session: At 5:15 P.M. Chairman O'Brien called for a vote to enter into executive session to conduct contract negotiations with union personnel. Mr. Bozikowski updated the Board on the status of grievances from the Sewer Department.

9. No further business appearing. Chairman O'Brien motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 P.M. Seconded by Clerk Bednarik. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
APPROVED:



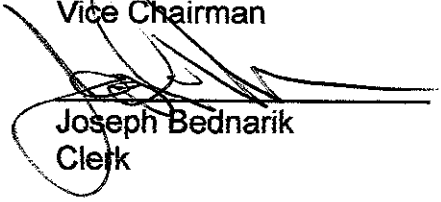
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Scott O'Brien  
Chairman



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Roger Benevides  
Vice Chairman



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Joseph Bednarik  
Clerk

October 16, 2019