

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007  
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fran McNamara, Jack Caten and Niles Busler.

GUESTS PRESENT: Supt. Paul Rafuse, Leonard Abreu and Jean Dinon – clerk.

Fran opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Warrants previously signed for \$9,385.77, \$107.53, \$1,375.42, \$21,730.50, \$15,301.01 and \$8,738.10 totaled \$56,638.33.

Previously signed payroll warrants for \$3,737.36, \$3,712.50, \$3,712.50, \$3,945.02 and \$900.00 totaled \$16,007.38.

DECISION: The Board unanimously approved the minutes of August 12, 2007.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Paul reported Harbor Trace status. Verizon doesn't see any connection between the stations. Paul and Tom Mahanna are looking into it. Paul would like SCADA system for entire system. Fran said look into static IP for telemetering.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Paul discussed/reviewed proposed development "Deer Run" off Ash Street near Ponderosa. It is 15 house development. There was a lot of controversy with a neighbor and was decided wells for fire protection. Paul would like them on town water. Town water will be \$3,000 + pipes. Paul and Jim did flow tests, and Paul had Stantec check them. There is 10" main up there, and there are favorable numbers. The developer will absorb the expense. There is 2" pipe at the end of Ash Street and should be enough for three houses.
2. Paul discussed/reviewed notice to Witch's Brook residents regarding collection of bills. The letter said water will be shut-off. Paul said that to collect money but maybe not legal right to shut-off our system. Paul is going to get legal counsel. People are irate because of the wording of the notice.
3. Leonard Abreu, 450 Main Street, West Townsend came to the meeting. He bought property in March, 1999 from Amadons. There were four units, four electric meters and four water meters. It is now two unit building. There was much discussion about the unit charge.
4. Paul discussed/reviewed Sterilite's capitol gift proposal regarding Board's opinion on waiving any fees or charges. Jack said to wait and see.
5. Paul discussed/reviewed request to purchase printer in order to print Witch's Brook bills.  
DECISION: Board voted unanimously to purchase printer for \$250.00.
6. Paul discussed/reviewed connecting Witch's Brook water system to ours before winter. It is going to be Labor and time wise, easier for collecting monthly water samples, and collect lead and copper samples. Lead and copper samples just passed before the closing. Lead and copper samples have to be taken with 20 samples from our system and 20 samples from Witch's Brook. Jack would like to see the system all tied in. In the next five years motor and pump would have to be replaced in station 2 at Witch's Brook. It will cost about \$2,000.00. Paul discussed this with Tom Mahanna, Stantec, in doing supply analysis for Deer Run. There is not enough head to storage tank. The static pressure at Harbor Trace will be about 125#, and static pressure without Harbor Trace on line is 102#.   
DECISION: Board voted unanimously to approve connecting Witch's Brook water system to ours.

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7. Paul reported bacteria detection in Fitchburg Road storage tank. On August 24, 2007 during monthly samples total coliform was detected at Fitchburg Road tank. It has been resolved.
8. Paul reported changing laboratory services. The lab we are using is decertified. Paul is looking at Nashoba Analytical.
9. Jean reported August accounts receivable.
10. Jean reported August appropriation balances.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, October 9, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean R. Dinon, Clerk