

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
FEBURARY 8, 2010
5:30 P.M.

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

GUEST PRESENT: Supt. Paul Rafuse, Michael MacEachern, James Blanchard and Brenda Boudreau-clerk.

Jack opened the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of January 11, 2010 providing that the phrase in paragraph five "approve FY11 Budget" be stricken from the record.

The Board reviewed the payroll warrants totaling \$ 16,897.37.

The Board reviewed and signed the warrants totaling \$ 13,533.49.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Paul passed along a request from the Conservation committee asking a Board member to serve on the Open Space and Recreation committee. There were no volunteers.
2. Paul review with the Board the signing of the mandatory referrals from the Planning Board RE: Amendments to the Open Space Preservation Development (OSPD) requirements and to amend the zoning map to enlarge to outlying commercial district. Jack wanted to copy the paperwork to take home for review. Niles feels the outlying of the commercial district is too spotty. The (OSPD) for new developers might be like other towns and have to have both conventional plans and (OSPD) plans but they feel the (OSPD) plans will be better and make them comply with that plan regardless.
3. Paul reported that the dump truck (W4) needs to have the oil pan replaced. Paul wanted to warn them in advance so they would not be surprised when they saw the bill. Jack would like Paul to get an estimate from Wayne so they will have a better idea of the cost.
4. Paul reported on the use of "ball valves" on the hydrants by the Fire Department. Jack suggested that we get a copy of the Lunenburg Fire Departments Rules and Regulations to go over with Chief Klein. Niles stated that we provide the service and the burden of proper use should be on the Fire Dept. period. Fran said that he was told that by the Fire Marshall that he needs to train Lunenburg, it's against the code to use a ball valve on any high flow or high pressure situation. Fran stated that if it's not released slowly enough it will blow a main.
5. Brenda reported on the accountant receivable and appropriation balance reports.
6. Brenda presented to the Board with the schedule of bills receivable report for Witches Brook.
7. Brenda presented to the Board the Intermunicipal agreement for review.
8. The Board approved a 1" service to Transformations Inc, 23 Coppersmith Way, Acct # 1645, App # 0712.
9. The Board unanimously to abate Acct # 4530, Ronald James, 13 Hickory Drive, \$1.60 in late charges.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Paul presented to the Board three different budgets for FY11. One budget was with no raises, one with a 5% raise for Paul only and one for a 5% raise for Paul and a 2.5% raise for the rest of us. Fran reviewed the numbers and at this time we do not take in enough money to support a level funded budget. The Board tabled the matter until they receive the results from the rate study and after the meet with the Selectmen to see how much of our debt will be paid off by the MBTE settlement.
2. The Board discussed some accusations that were made by a patron of the VFW that Mike had been refused service at the VFW and was asked to sign a statement and employee warning. Mike vehemently denies these accusations and is pretty sure he knows who this unidentified patron is and the patron has a personal vendetta against him. Mike took the paperwork with him for review.
3. Paul reported on the generator for the West Meadow Road booster station. Paul stated that he has not yet received the new generator promised by Chuck. Paul noticed that after the accident and everyone lost power the generator was supposed to automatically start and it didn't. Currently we are using Chuck's generator until the new one comes in. The Board wants Paul to keep on him.
4. Paul reported on the progress of the Solar PV Project. Paul reported that he had another meeting/site visit with a representative from Nexamp, general contractor and electrical contractor. They reported that they can have the installation completed by May 1, 2010.
5. Jack reported on his conversation with David Chenelle regarding the MBTE settlement.
6. Niles reported on his conversation with Kathy Rossbach regarding credit card payments. When he checked into it he found out that is illegal for municipalities in Mass to pass on the credit card cost to the consumer. Therefore they currently use a third party source that charges a fee. Kathy is also adamant about keeping her charges etc. separate from ours. Niles feels it would be too complicated at this time and for the small percentage of people that would use it.

The Board next two scheduled meeting are Monday, February 22, 2010 and March 8, 2010.

Jack adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Boudreau-clerk