

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON: June 10, 2008

Present: Chairman Donald T. Bates, Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh, Clerk Danette Gonsalves, Superintendent Craig Wiegand, Secretary Kelly Byrnes

Chairman Donald Bates called the meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m.

Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, and seconded by Clerk Danette Gonsalves; unanimous vote to approve.

Abatement for water usage for Harwich Water Department facilities discussed and reviewed.

Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh moved to approve abatement for various Water Department accounts, and seconded by Clerk Danette Gonsalves; unanimous vote to approve. Abatement form signed.

Superintendent Craig Wiegand discussed the bid received by the Harwich Water Department on Friday, May 27, 2008 for the removal of scrap metal from the Harwich Water Department grounds.

Chairman Donald Bates moved to award the bid for scrap metal removal to New Beginnings, care of Dennis Gonzales, and seconded by Clerk Danette Gonsalves; unanimous vote to approve.

The Board discussed the meter test results for customer account #9604. The results showed that the meter is reading accurately with the 2% standard. A letter and copy of the test results was sent to the customer.

Superintendent Craig Wiegand informed the Board about concerns regarding the chemical delivery bids as prices continue to rise. Superintendent Craig Wiegand is looking at alternative measures in an effort to compensate for rising prices.

Superintendent Craig Wiegand also discussed concerns about the upcoming bid submittals for the General Water Works Supplies.

Further concerns were discussed that focused on the rising fuel prices and how it may impact the projected budget for fiscal year 2009.

The Board reviewed a letter from the customer for account #4326. The letter requested compensation for three trees that were damaged on their property at the time the water main and hydrant were replaced last fall. Superintendent Craig Wiegand explained that the contractor was contacted and will be notifying the customer to replace damaged property.

Motion made by Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh to open public hearing to discuss proposed new water rates for fiscal year 2009, and seconded by Clerk Danette Gonsalves; unanimous vote to approve.

Present at Public Hearing were as follows: Chairman Donald T. Bates, Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh, Clerk Danette Gonsalves, Superintendent Craig Wiegand, Secretary Kelly Byrnes

The proposed new water rates will change as shown below:

Old water rates			New water rates		
0-15,000	\$50.00		0-15,000	\$60.00	
15,001-30,000	\$1.75	per 1,000	15,001-30,000	\$2.00	per 1,000
30,001-70,000	\$2.85	per 1,000	30,001-70,000	\$3.10	per 1,000
Over 70,000	\$3.75	per 1,000	Over 70,000	\$4.50	per 1,000

These new water rates will be effective retro to March 15, 2008.

The Board also reviewed the miscellaneous billing charges and fees as it pertains to service calls, service installations, etc.

Motion to approve proposed new water rates and fees made by Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh, and seconded by Clerk Danette Gonsalves; unanimous vote to approve.

Move to exit public hearing made by Clerk Danette Gonsalves, and seconded by Chairman Donald Bates; unanimous vote to approve.

Tyler Bagge, account #3196, came before the Board to dispute a \$500 fine imposed on him by the Board on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 for the illegal tampering/removal of the water meter and operation of the curb stop. Mr. Bagge explained in detail to the Board the events that led up to his removal of the water meter and operation of curb stop and requested that the Board abate the \$500 fine imposed on him for these actions.

Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh moved to abate \$500 fine, and seconded by Clerk Danette Gonsalves, unanimous vote to approve.

Superintendent Craig Wiegand informed the Board that the Union has allowed the Water Department to hire two seasonal employees from June until September.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2008.

Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn meeting, and seconded by Clerk Danette Gonsalves; unanimous vote to approve.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald T Bates, Chairman

Craig Wiegand, Superintendent

George Cavanaugh, Vice Chairman

Kelly Byrnes, Secretary

Danette Gonsalves, Clerk