

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON February 24, 2009

Present: Vice Chairman George Cavanaugh, Clerk Danette Gonsalves, Superintendent Craig Wiegand, Secretary Kelly Springer, Chairman Bates (absent due to Jury Duty)

Vice Chairman Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

The minutes for the previous meeting held on February 3, 2009 were approved with a motion by Clerk Gonsalves and seconded by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh; 2-0-0.

The meeting began with a review of the Sea Street water main bids from Superintendent Wiegand. The board voted to award the project to the lowest bidder, JW Dubis & Sons, for the amount of \$64,790.00. Clerk Gonsalves motioned to approve the award which was then seconded by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh; 2-0-0.

Superintendent Wiegand briefly reviewed the Campbell case regarding the 2007 Sea Street water main break. The case has been officially settled and agreed upon by all parties.

The board next reviewed the request from Mr. Frank Yeomen regarding the \$50 late fee that had been applied to his account. Mr. Yeomen's wife has been in the hospital with a brain tumor and during this time, the water bill was late in payment. Upon discussion of the situation, the board voted to waive the late fee. The motion to waive the fee was made by Clerk Gonsalves and seconded by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh; 2-0-0.

Superintendent Wiegand discussed the claim letter from Verizon indicating that the water department put one of their poles in jeopardy during a recent water main break. Upon research into this matter, it was dismissed due to the fact that the pole was installed after the water main was in place. No damage was reported to the pole during the incident and care was taken while working in that area to repair the main. Superintendent Wiegand also informed the board of the agreement with Environmental Partners to begin design and work on the Green Sand Treatment Plant. A vote was taken to approve the use of \$155k for this project. A motion to approve by Clerk Gonsalves was then seconded by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh; 2-0-0.

The board then reviewed the request from Harwich Conservation Trust to have permission to visit and certify vernal pools on town properties. Superintendent Wiegand informed the board that no permission was given to HCT to certify these pools but that they would be allowed to monitor them. HCT was satisfied with this decision. Superintendent Wiegand then discusses the figures from Haley and Ward regarding the repainting of both water tanks. The cost to paint the two tanks is \$2.5 million in comparison to \$4 million to replace both tanks with one new tank. Upon testing and approval of the hydrolic model, the decision may be made to replace the two older tanks with a new tank.

The board also reviewed the request from Peter McIntire & Sons to be added to the list of contractors for the town of Harwich. Upon review of the submitted paperwork and licensing/insurance documents, the board voted to approve this request; 2-0-0.

The board also reviewed the request from Williams Building Company to waive the fire protection charges for the HECH project in town. The board had previously waived the service connection fees for this project and decided in favor of waiving the newly requested fire service fees as well. Clerk Gonsalves motioned to waive the fire sprinkler fees which was then seconded by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh; 2-0-0.

In conclusion to the meeting, Superintendent Wiegand updated the board on a meeting that he had with Converge and Cape Light Compact regarding their Demand/Response program. This program would pay the department \$2000/month to have the system ready to go on generators at any time. In addition, the program would pay \$500/hour for use during an Event. The Demand/Response group would be in charge of supplying the meters needed for this program as well as the upkeep with no cost what so ever to the water department. A vote was taken to approve enrollment in this program. A motion to approve was made by Clerk Gonsalves and seconded by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh; 2-0-0.

On a motion by Clerk Gonsalves and seconded by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m. 2-0-0

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald T Bates, Chairman

Craig Wiegand, Superintendent

George Cavanaugh, Vice Chairman

Kelly Springer, Secretary

Danette Gonsalves, Clerk