

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING ON February 3, 2009

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

Chairman Bates called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

The minutes for the previous meeting held on January 6, 2009 were approved with a motion by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh and seconded by Chairman Bates; 3-0-0.

The board began the meeting by revisiting the abatement request from Acct #2586, Ms. Aggie Givren. Ms. Givren asked the board to credit back to her account the late fee which she acquired during a long stay in the hospital. The board decided in favor of Ms. Givren and approved the request for the abatement; 3-0-0. A letter of approval will be typed up and mailed to Ms. Givren making her aware of the board's findings.

The board was then updated by Superintendent Wiegand on the Sea Street project. The Campbell's were requesting \$25k while the insurance agency was only willing to pay \$22,500. The board discussed the idea of splitting the difference between the two parties and paying the \$2500.00. On a motion by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh and seconded by Chairman Bates, the board voted to pay the difference; 3-0-0.

The board also discussed the President's stimulus package and its proposed use for the water department. In a meeting with the town police and fire chiefs as well as the town administrator, Superintendent Wiegand discussed the water treatment plant, located at site 2, as the primary focus for the stimulus. The possibility of the stimulus changing from a grant to a 2% loan was brought up and is awaiting a decision from Congress.

Superintendent Wiegand reminded the board of the upcoming town meeting being held on February 5, 2009. The one article from the water department to be discussed at this meeting is in regards to the \$189K for the increase in fuel, health insurance and property insurances as well as increased cost of chemicals.

The board next reviewed the submitted letter from acct # 209, Ms. Sally Mahoney. Ms. Mahoney believed she had previously paid a water bill, which in our records was not shown as received or processed. A late fee of \$50 was also added to her account. Since no bank record could be found showing she had made this payment, she sent in full payment on the account minus the \$50 late fee which she is asking the board to remove. Upon review and discussion, the board decided against a removal of the late fee at this time and also recommended that should Ms. Mahoney wish to discuss this case in person, that a meeting with the board can be arranged. A letter with the board's findings will be typed and sent out to the customer. Chairman Bates motioned to deny the removal of the late fee and seconded by Clerk Gonsalves; 3-0-0.

During conclusion of the meeting, Superintendent Wiegand updated the board on the first time use of the Emergency Voice Broadcast system. Overall, with close to 10,000 phone calls placed, the system worked very well with few glitches. Superintendent Wiegand also mentioned the new enhanced program which now allows use of 32 lines for the same price as 8 lines. The enhanced program sends an average of 100 calls every 10 minutes.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Cavanaugh and seconded by Clerk Gonsalves, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9 a.m. 3-0-0

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Donald T Bates, Chairman

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Craig Wiegand, Superintendent

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George Cavanaugh, Vice Chairman

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Kelly Springer, Secretary

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Danette Gonsalves, Clerk