



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District

Water Department

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01/18/2017

The monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at Freedom Hall at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Ted Barnicle, Commissioner Don Campbell and Commissioner Vic Mastro were present as was Superintendent, Chris Wiseman.

Also in attendance was Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. There was no public comment and no one was recording the meeting.

The 12/14/2016 regular meeting minutes were approved as were the minutes from the 01/16/2017 special meeting, and the warrants were signed.

Mr. Wiseman reviewed the water quality testing results for the month of December. All tests were within normal limits, there have been no total coliform/bacteria issues and there was no MTBE detected during the quarterly testing.

Monthly Pumpage Results is as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>+/-</u>
December	8,301,000	8,775,000	+474,000

There were 0 replacement services and 1 new service in December.

Mr. Wiseman notified the board that there are no reports available from Phil Benjamin (Forrester) at this time. He discussed the chemical safety upgrades that need to be made at the pumping stations for the board's consideration when discussing the FY18 Budget at the next meeting and expressed the need to dispose of the old back up motors that are being stored at the stations. He will put out a bid for disposal.

Mr. Wiseman spoke with Jonathan Finn at Gowry Insurance regarding the breakdown of Water Department Expenses for its liability insurance for purposes of the rate survey. This information was provided to the commissioners in the meeting documents at this meeting. The current cost of liability coverage is for the Water Department is \$49,000.

Mr. Kleekamp provided an update on the ongoing projects with GHD. The water tank is now online, there were no chlorine issues and there are a few punch list items to be completed with the contractor. The only thing remaining is the decommissioning and demolition of the Main Street Tank to close out the contract with Biszko.

He asked if the board had considered the two proposals, one from GHD for the SCADA/Security upgrade project and the CommTract agreement for installing the Fiber Optic cable. Later in the meeting, the commissioners reviewed both agreements and unanimously approved them.

Mr. Kleekamp notified the board that Chris Hesse of US Wireless would not be attending the meeting and presented the lease amendment request on his behalf. The commissioners were not pleased that Mr. Hesse was not in attendance to discuss the amendment and will hold a separate meeting in early February to discuss their course of action.

The tank and cellular discussion also included a review of the preliminary structural evaluation report from Haley & Ward and McKenzie Engineering which shows substantial deterioration of the supports and turnbuckles of the Main Street Tank. It is the recommendation of Haley & Ward, McKenzie Engineering and GHD that the tank be demolished as soon as possible.

They also discussed a letter from T-Mobile regarding their current lease which has been sent to Attorney Mark Boudreau for review. They will have further discussion on this topic when they receive his response.

Sprint and AT&T are hoping to install a C.O.W. (Cell on Wheels) or other temporary pole to ensure continuation of coverage during the demolition of the tank and until a new permanent structure is in place.

The commissioners discussed the rate survey. Mr. Barnicle will meet with Jen Leger to put together a proposal and will attend the upcoming Prudential Committee meeting to review the information.

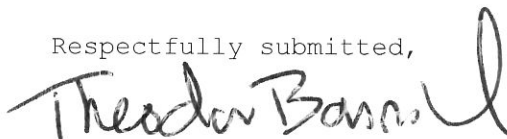
Zak Farkes will be meeting with the Town Council on Thursday, 1/19/17 to introduce the proposal for the Solar Array. Commissioner Mastro can attend as a representative for the commissioners as necessary. Mr. Wiseman will contact Mr. Farkes to confirm what is needed at this time.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, February 15th at 6:00pm at Freedom Hall.

A meeting to discuss the cellular lease amendment request will be scheduled prior to the regular February meeting and announced on the district and town websites as well as posted at Freedom Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theodore Barnicle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Theodore Barnicle, Chairman

Cc: Prudential Committee