

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 17, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Bangor Water District Board of Trustees was held at 3:45 p.m. in the Hughes Building, 614 State Street. Trustees (excepting Trustee Hwalek) and staff participated in person. Remote participation for the public was provided, but no one joined the meeting. Present were:

Ralph Foss
Patty Hamilton
John Hwalek
Gerry Palmer

,being a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustees Timpson, and Sypitkowski. Also in attendance: General Manager Moriarty, Finance Manager Silva, District Engineer Saucier, Office Manager Baxter, *ReVision Energy Solar Design Specialist Andrew Kahrl* and *Legal Counsel Eric Marshall from Eaton Peabody*

Attended remotely

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

I. Public comment: None

Solar Project Contract: Taking the agenda out of order, Moriarty updated the board on the twenty-year Solar Project Power Purchase Agreement between investor Wishcamper Companies, Inc. and BWD and how the net energy billing (NEB) process works. Andrew Kahrl from ReVision Energy, the administrator of the solar array, was on hand to answer technical questions while Eric Marshall from Eaton Peabody was available to answer legal questions regarding the contract. After Board discussion, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded,

VOTED: Unanimously to adopt and sign the Solar Project Power Purchase Agreement

Marshall and Kahrl left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

II. Administrative

Minutes: Returning to the order of the agenda, the minutes of the regular April meeting were accepted as written.

Report of the Treasurer: Finance Manager Silva presented an overview of the April financials, first highlighting the month's disbursements and investments and then reviewing the year-to-date revenues and expenses compared to the budget. Silva noted that while the total operating revenues are slightly under budget so are the total operating expenses thus causing the net budgetary loss to be ahead of budget. After discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as written.

Progress Report of the General Manager: The progress report was accepted as written.

Report of the Personnel Committee: Tabled till next meeting

III. Old Business:

Engineer's Report: Saucier updated the Board on the following projects:

Water Street: The project is nearing completion. Testing and chlorinating are currently underway.

Ozone Upgrade: Staff has begun training on new ozone system. Ozonated water is currently flowing, and hydrant flushing will begin to distribute clear water throughout the system. While the system is operational, there are refinements that need to occur over the next several months as operators become more familiar with the system.

BIA Expansion: Alternatives are being considered due to supply shortages of zinc coated pipes.

Workforce Update: Moriarty reported that a Utility Worker was recently hired, leaving the Construction Department fully staffed. A summer hydrant flushing position has also been filled leaving one hydrant flushing assistant vacancy. After 37 years, Cal McKay in the Service Department announced his retirement, effective on May 20th. Moriarty noted the changes in the workforce that have occurred over time. Staff and Trustees then observed a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Faulkner who had twenty-one years of service with Bangor Water.

IV. New Business:

Cleaning Bid: Moriarty presented bids for a two and a half-year contract to replace the current cleaning company, whose owner is retiring after working with the District for twenty years. The recommendation was to award the cleaning bid to the low bidder, Jaylark Cleaning. It was upon motion being made and duly seconded,

VOTED: Unanimously, to award cleaning contract to Jaylark Cleaning.

BIA Land Purchase: Property descriptions have been sent to the City. Currently waiting for Purchase and Sale Agreement for the new pump station and tank.

2022 SRF Project Funding: The BIA Tank and Booster Station Project has been approved for low interest loans and principal forgiveness through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). Moriarty recommended sending a letter of confirmation to the Drinking Water Program (DWP) to accept the loan offer. It was upon motion being made and duly seconded,

VOTED: Unanimously to accept DWSRF 2022 loan offer for the BIA Tank and Booster Station Project.

Lead and Copper Testing: In accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, Lab director Spinney is preparing to send letters to homeowners of thirty "Tier 1" homes built between 1982 and 1987 with known lead components with instructions on how to collect samples for testing. Testing is scheduled from June 1 to September 30, 2022.

Thomas Hill Standpipe Tours: The spring standpipe tour scheduled for May 18th from 3 to 6 pm is fully staffed. A large turnout is anticipated, since this is the first tour since the beginning of the pandemic.

Board Correspondence: as distributed.

Other Business: Moriarty asked Trustees for suggestions of possible candidates who may be interested filling the vacancy on the Board.

Hearing no further business to come before the meeting, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded

VOTED: unanimously, to adjourn at the meeting at 515 p.m.

Patty Hamilton

Ralph Foss, Clerk

John Hwalek

Gerry Palmer