

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 18, 2023**

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 and staff participated in person. Remote participation for the public was provided, but no one joined the meeting. Present were:

Marc Edelman
Ralph Foss
Patty Hamilton
John Hwalek
Gerry Palmer
Robert Sypitkowski

being a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustee Timpson. Also in attendance: General Manager Moriarty, Finance Manager Silva, Office Manager Baxter, Construction Supervisor Littlefield and Water Quality Manager Spinney

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and allotted time for Board members to view new vacuum truck that was delivered recently. Construction Supervisor Littlefield was on hand to demonstrate features and answer questions.

I. **Public Comment:** None

II. **Administrative:**

Minutes: It was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously VOTED: to accept the minutes of both the regular and special March meetings as written.

Report of the Treasurer: Finance Manager Silva presented an overview of the March 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 both operating revenues and operating expenses are slightly under budget and noted that the decrease in the operating revenue is due from both commercial and residential consumption trending downwards thus far for 2023.

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

Report of the Personnel Committee: Trustee Sypitkowski reported that the Committee has extended an employment offer for the General Manager's position to a candidate. The offer has been accepted, contingent upon satisfactory review of the contract. The Personnel Committee has a meeting with the candidate scheduled for next week.

III. Old Business:

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

BIA Expansion – Pump Station: Electrical work is nearing completion; the variable frequency drives (VFDs) are installed and the logic for pump controls has been bench tested. The pump station is anticipated to be finished by the end of June.

BIA Expansion – Standpipe: The contractor is expected to have the 90% plan set for review this week. Revised documents were submitted to the Planning Board. The modified plans show a reduction to the trees surrounding the standpipe which will allow better visibility and site security.

BIA Expansion – Pipeline Replacement: Main interconnects and service connections to new system are proceeding on Corporate Drive. Paving on Hildreth Street is slated to begin in early May.

Ozone Upgrade: Ozone generator fuses will be upgraded next week. Performance testing is scheduled for the second week of May. Minor adjustments to tank and installation of maintenance access ladders are scheduled by contractor.

Other Items of Interest:

- PUC annual report updates
- Olive Street draft design review scheduled for next week
- Coordination meeting with City was held on April 14th
- Emergency Plan updates

Workforce Update: Moriarty reported the anticipated vacancy of the District Engineer position beginning in early July due to an internal promotion. The job has been posted. A conditional offer has been made to a candidate for the Utility Worker position.

IV. New Business:

PFAS regulatory update: Water Quality Manager Spinney reviewed the proposed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule regulating PFAS in drinking water. The March 2023 rule establishes maximum contaminant levels, a Hazard Index and testing requirements. The EPA will hold a public hearing in May. Testing has shown that Bangor Water has no detectable PFAS.

2022 Consumer Confidence Report: Moriarty reviewed the Consumer Quality Report that is required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) each year. The report provides information specific to customer's local drinking water. Water Quality Manager Spinney was on hand to answer questions. After discussion, Spinney left the meeting at 5 p.m.

Paving Bid: The paving bid for trenches caused by leak repairs, valve replacements, and other water infrastructure work was reviewed by Moriarty. Eight bids were sent to area contractors and only one bid was returned. Moriarty recommended that the bid be awarded to the low bidder and sole respondent, Roundy's Paving. A motion was made and duly seconded, VOTED: Unanimously to accept the recommendation to award the paving bid to Roundy's Paving.

2022 Consumption: Moriarty reviewed consumption of both residential and commercial accounts in 2022 and noted that daily water use per capita is lower than it has been historically.

CAD Case Review: Moriarty reviewed the case that a customer filed with the Consumer Assistance Division of the Public Utilities Commission, the Commission's ruling, the impacts of the ruling and the next steps that will be taken in response to the decision. A discussion followed regarding proration of future bills. The Board queried ways in which they may be of assistance in this process and Moriarty recommended that they support the new General Manager in this matter. A motion was made and duly seconded,
VOTED: that the Board will lend its support to the General Manager to navigate the next steps of the CAD case process.

Board member Sypitkowski left the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Board package correspondence: As presented

It was then upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously
VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Ralph Foss, Clerk

Marc Edelman

Patty Hamilton

John Hwalek

Gerry Palmer, Chair

Robert Sypitkowski