

Present:

Lee M. Azinheira, Chairman
Manuel Branco, Clerk

Mark S. Nunes, Vice Chairman
David T. Hickox, Director

Carlos Cardoso, WPC Plant Manager
Paul Pacheco, Superintendent Services & Infrastructure

Steven Sullivan, Superintendent Water & Sewer Division

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mark Nunes and duly seconded by Manuel Branco to approve and accept the bills payable for the period ending September 26, 2013. So voted.

A motion was made by Mark Nunes and duly seconded by Manuel Branco to approve and accept the payrolls for the weeks ending August 30, September 6, 13, and 20, 2013. So voted.

A motion was made by Mark Nunes and duly seconded by Manuel Branco to approve and accept the meeting minutes of August 1, 2013. So voted.

A motion was made by Mark Nunes and duly seconded by Manuel Branco to approve and accept the meeting minutes of August 20, 2013 . So voted.

A motion was made by Mark Nunes and duly seconded by Manuel Branco to approve and accept the meeting minutes of September 3, 2013 . So voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid Award recommendation for AMR – Stiles Company

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that we are in the process of bidding and evaluation different AMR technology. The installation will be done "in-house" with 2300 meters a year being replaced over the course of four (4) years. The board then discussed the proposals and what technology would be most advantageous to the Town. A representative from Stiles was also present to explain the installation and technology. Mr. Hickox recommends awarding RFP NO. AMRS-14-1 to Stiles Company for \$1,498,991 subject to funding approval in Years 2 & 3 from Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to award the bid for RFP NO. AMRS-14-1 to Stiles Company for \$1,498,991. So voted.

Review of the End-of-year Reports

1. Water Enterprise Funds

The Director informed the Board that the Water Enterprise funds look good in general with a net gain of \$253,530.71 which was money that was returned from the Water Enterprise Fund at the end of the year.

2. **Sewer Enterprise Funds**

The Sewer Enterprise Funds sewer rates have increased in anticipation of the debt service for the \$12 million borrowed as part of II. Approximately \$400,000 of the excess revenue is directly from the rate increases in anticipation of the debt service which will be in the 370,000-400,000 range.

3. **Solid Waste Enterprise Funds**

The Solid Waste Enterprise Fund historically saw about \$100,000 more in trash fees than the figures shown in the spreadsheet. Mr. Hickox is comfortable with the net gain however the expected figures were about \$150,000 more.

The board then discussed New Bedford's new single stream system and whether or not the Town should do the same.

Update on THM's and Town response

The Director informed the board that the THM issue that the Town has primarily in the north end in the Reed Road area. A large main on Route 6 heading north that dead ends around Hanover Court. The water then gets very old and the organic material in the water reacts with the chlorine and you have to keep adequate chlorine to disinfect however it creates a byproduct. Flushing has to be done frequently to alleviate the problem. The State also changed the reporting requirements from an average level of reporting to an individual sample of reporting. Working with consultants on recommendations to treat this issue and get the THM levels to an acceptable level.

Request from Town of Westport to connect the Town of Dartmouth's Water Pollution Control at Lincoln Park

The board and director denied their request.

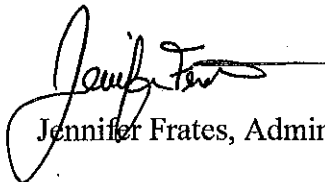
Having no further business to discuss that morning, a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



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Jennifer Frates, Administrative Assistant

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