

Present:

Lee M. Azinheira, Chairman
Manuel Branco, Clerk

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

Carlos Cardoso, WPC Plant Manager
Steven Sullivan, Superintendent Water & Sewer Division

Paul Pacheco, Superintendent Services & Infrastructure

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

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to accept and approve the warrants for the bills payable for the period ending March 13, 2014. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to accept and approve the payrolls for the weeks ending February 28, and March 7, 2014. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Branco and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the meeting minutes of February 27, 2014, as amended. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Chase Road Filter Media Disposal & Use of Emergency Funds for Material Disposal

Mr. Hickox informed the Board on the situation of material that was disposed from a Chase Road media filter. A few months back, the Town went out to bid to change the filter media on 687 Chase Road and the company selected did a great job removing the material and putting it all into containers. When the material was brought to Crapo Hill for disposal it triggered a radiation alarm and was rejected. Mr. Sullivan has since been looking for a company to dispose it and the only one that has responded to our request is Frank Corp. The total estimated cost is approximately \$41,675.00. Mr. Hickox recommends that emergency funds be used to pay for this expense and dispose of this material as soon as possible.

Motion made by Mr. Nunes to utilize the emergency funds to pay for the disposal of this material. Mr. Branco seconded. So voted.

Enterprise Fund Contribution to Garage Expansion Project

Mr. Hickox presented the proposed percentage contribution from the enterprise funds as well as the 20% contingency towards the Garage Expansion Project. The entire project is estimated to cost \$4,700,000 with 5.7% from the Water Enterprise Fund, 2.8% from the Sewer Enterprise Fund, 8.5% from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund from and the remaining 82.9% would be paid from the General Fund. The percentages are based on equipment and staffing needs. The estimated totals do not include the Police Department since there has not been a commitment from them at this time. Mr. Nunes is concerned with the financial aspect of this project and the enterprise funds being utilized when this project originated from Town Hall.

Request for Water Main Extension into Westport via Route 6

SITEC contacted Mr. Hickox requesting the Board approve the connection into the public water system in Route 6 (state Road) in Dartmouth. Mr. Azinheira stated that until the Town is independent from New Bedford, the Town should not be selling water to neighboring towns.

Motion made by Mr. Nunes to deny SITEC Inc.'s request. Mr. Branco seconded. So voted.

28 Wilbur Avenue

Mr. Hickox briefed the Board on a request from Astrid Kvilhaug to Deborah Piva, Tax Collector, for a deferral of her water bill. The resident understands that any unpaid balance will be liened on her real estate bill with interest.

Motion made by Mr. Nunes to accept Ms. Kvilhaug's request. Mr. Branco seconded. So voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Automated Solid Waste Program

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that there needs to be a resolution to the disposal of the Town's recycled material before a decision is made on automating solid waste. The market seems to be going single stream and there is less of a financial benefit to have dual stream. There is a possibility that our recyclables will have to be taken to Avon, MA. If the Town goes to single stream, customers that put out their carts once a month will likely have their carts out every week which will lead to more stops and an additional truck.

Also it will be essential to have an accurate record of where the carts are when the program changes to a fixed rate because the carts will become more valuable.

The large unknown factor is how much the Town assessment will increase due to New Bedford's increase in recycling and reduction in waste tonnage.

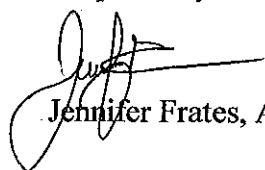
FYI – Propane price

Two quotes were received to supply propane to the Town for the remainder of the fiscal year. The total propane price is based on the Selkirk index and the differential. The State bid was the lowest price, a \$.29 differential from Osterman Propane.

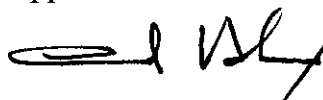
Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:15 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Nunes and duly seconded by Mr. Branco to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



Jennifer Frates, Administrative Assistant



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