

Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of November 8, 2022

WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Jim Kelleher, Chair
David Burke

EWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William Chapman
Mr. Shane Ben David

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kelleher at 3:03 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr. Burke motioned to approve the minutes of September 13, 2022, Mr. Kelleher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

New pumping station

Tabled for discussion until the next meeting.

Compensation Study

The Water Commissioners have questioned the process of the compensation study that was conducted in 2021. A letter will be sent to the Personnel Board requesting a full compensation study for the entire Water Department.

Backflow Device testing

Backflow testing is going well. Once testing is complete, the invoices will go out with the current rate of \$60 with a notice of the rate increase to \$95.

Staffing updates

The water operator position is still open and being advertised.

NEW BUSINESS:

Operational Report:

Sept.

- Four water services were installed, with several more applications for service reviewed.
- Monthly bacteriological samples were collected and analyzed.
- Thirty Lead & Copper samples were collected from the distribution system, as well as two samples from each of the early education facilities. All samples are at the lab for analysis, with results still pending.
- Hydrant maintenance (including painting) continues through the summer season.
- The relocated water main at Stop & Shop was placed in service, having passed pressure and bacteriological testing. This project added two fire hydrants to the distribution system, as well as an additional loop to enhance fire flows and water quality.
- The variable frequency drive at the Lily Pond Pumping Station was replaced.
- Water meters were read for the October billing cycle. Meters found to be faulty were repaired.

Oct.

- Five water services were installed, with several more applications for service reviewed.
- Monthly bacteriological samples were collected and analyzed.
- Thirty Lead & Copper samples were collected from the distribution system, as well as two samples from each of the early education facilities. All samples were sent to the lab for analysis. The four lead tests for the schools were Non-Detect (0 ppm) and the four copper tests were well below the Action Level of 1.3 mg/L. The 90th percentile for the distribution system was well below the Action Levels for both lead and copper, with no samples exceeding either Action Level. Though fully compliant during our last round of samples, the results of this sampling event were much better, indicating continued improvements to our water chemistry alterations.
- The relocated water main at Stop & Shop was placed in service, having passed pressure and bacteriological testing. This project added two fire hydrants to the distribution system, as well as an additional loop to enhance fire flows and water quality.
- Water invoices went out for the October billing cycle.
- A tap was installed to replace / upgrade the water main on Mill Street prior to reconstruction of the road.
- An antiquated fire hydrant on Cooke Street was replaced and an auxiliary valve for the hydrant was added.

Fees and Charges

Tabled for discussion until the next meeting.

FY24 Budget

Mr. Chapman presented the proposed FY24 budget to the Commissioners. Mr. Burke motioned to approve the proposed FY24 budget, to revise as necessary. Mr. Kelleher seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

CIP Review/Approval

Mr. Chapman presented the five-year Capital Improvement Plan to the Commissioners. Mr. Burke motioned to approve the five-year Capital Improvement Plan as written, Mr. Kelleher seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rules & Regulations

Mr. Chapman proposed revisions to section 21 of the Rules & Regulations to remove the language “accounts may be made inactive after a period of five years of no use”, the only exception would be demolition of the structure. Mr. Burke motioned to approve the revised section 21 of the Water Department Rules & Regulations, Mr. Kelleher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Kelleher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 pm, Mr. Burke seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Ben David
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

James Kelleher, Commissioner

Scott Ellis, Commissioner

David Burke, Chairman