



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Water Commissioner, Minutes
January 4, 2017

Attendance: William Levakis, Gordon Avery, Brad Curry, Cara Letendre - Secretary

Open Meeting:

4:10 p.m. Mr. Levakis called meeting to order, provided notice that meeting will be recorded.

New Business:

1. Mr. Avery motion to accept meeting minutes of 10/26/2016 and 12/14/2016 as written, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
2. Mr. Avery motion to accept an abatement application for 17 North Street for a portion of the 2nd quarter of FY17 totalling \$_____, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
 - a. Discussion regarding extra \$50 fee charged for shut off when the club representative did not show up. Commissioners agreed that they will not waive the fee.
3. Break at 70 Main Street 12/27/2016: Mr. Levakis received a call from the Blandford Police Department that there was a water leak at 70 Main Street. The fire alarm at the abandoned residence had been going off and police had followed up to find the leak. Mr. Levakis called in APS plumbing to repair the leak. Commissioners asked Cara to charge all labor and parts to the owner. Mr. Avery placed a call to the realtors to let them know about the break and to expect the bill.
4. 33 North Street Break: Mr. Levakis- sent out requests for prices and M&M services was the only contractor to respond. M&M and Mr. Levakis dug and found several leaks, cut off the old pipe and put in a new shut off and line to the main. The pipe was rotten and crumbling, kept breaking. Commissioners agreed to bill the owners for the work on their line.
 - a. Mass DOT called with concerns about ice build up.
 - b. Mr. Levakis will call owners again and let them know the water will be shut off if not repaired.
5. Contractors: Mr. Levakis contacted several contractors with a request to bid on prices to repair breaks. M&M Services was the only company to respond. Cara will send out an official RFP.
6. Inventory Spare Parts: Mr. Avery will do a new count and organize parts in bins with labels. Discussed including Jeremy from EJP in the process. Problem is no one is signing out parts.

7. Upgrade Filters: Mr. Levakis and Bernie St. Martin met with Jeremy from EJP at the plant to discuss reverse flow for the filters. The bid that we received from Waterworks in the past was very high. Jeremy is going to get the parts for us to do the reverse flow ourselves and save money. Plan to start with one filter first to see how it holds out. Mr. Avery suggested adding a meter to adjust and record the flow rate. Mr. Avery asked to be present when they test it out.
8. Billing Watson Park: Commissioners agreed to go back six years plus 3/4 of this year with no interest for one service at the park. Bill will be sent out with 3rd quarter bills and will total \$5,200.68
9. Long Pond Level: still at the sand bar even with all of the rain.

Old Business:

1. Budget: discussed indirect cost. Mr. Avery motion to accept the budget as a first draft, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
2. Pacific Ozone: have been alternating generators and all is working fine for now. Discussed service contract. Commissioners requested Cara set-up a conference call. Discussed getting away from using Ozone.
3. Laptop: table
4. Breaks and Repairs Procedures: Table

6:00 p.m. Mr. Curry motion to adjourn, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by: Cara Letendre

William Levakis - Chair

Brad Curry - Clerk

Gordon Avery - Member