



TOWN OF BLANDFORD  
Water Department, Minutes  
May 5, 2016

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

**Open Meeting:**

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

**New Business:**

1. Doug Emo: asked Board to change his billing to one service as he no longer has an apartment at this residence.
  - a. Mr. Avery motion to convert 108 Main Street to 1 service effective the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter billing cycle of FY16, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
2. Abatement: Mr. Levaksi motion to grant an abatement to Blanchette at 10 Maple Lane Road for \$69.17, water usage for 5 months, as applied, Mr. Avery second, unanimous vote.
3. Minutes: Mr. Avery motion to approve minutes of April 6, 2016 as written, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
4. FY17 Salary for Plant Operator:
  - a. Mr. Avery – we calculated the amount based on \$25.63 per hour for 5 hours a day at 5 days per week. This will equal \$33,319.00 per year leaving \$3,681.00 to pay out for sampling, biologicals, back flows, etc.
  - b. Back-up Plant Operator: we calculated \$19.48 per hour for 5 hours per/day 2 days per/week. Once Norene has completed her T2 course and test she will be an operator and she can cover for Bernie when he does sampling, etc.
  - c. The plant requires 4 hours a day to run efficiently so this will incorporate overtime.
5. Refinance Loans: Mr. Avery spoke with Treasurer, we will have to wait until the audit is complete to move forward with refinancing as we can't borrow money until it is complete.
  - a. Treasurer checked with Rural Development and we will get a better rate if we wait until an audit is complete.
  - b. Len Shuzdac from Rural Water is looking into when we have to have the meters up and running per our loan contract.
    - i. Mr. Levakis has been in contact with DEP to let them know we are working on it.
6. Water Plant Operator: Mr. Avery met with Mr. St. Martin last week. Will wait to have discussion until he is present.

- a. Mr. St. Martin is concerned that the chemical feed lines are getting old. Tabled until Mr. St. Martin is present to discuss.
- b. Commissioners will plan to meet at the plant for the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

- 1. Filters: working better in warmer weather, still underlying issues.
  - a. Cara will check budget to see if funding is available to bring Bob Lecraw in from MS Filters. Quote is \$2,180.00.
- 2. Glasgow Road: Mr. Levakis spoke with Jeremy from EJ Prescott and Commissioners will walk Glasgow Road with him on Monday at 4:00 to review project and put together a price list and bid package.
  - a. Discussed whether or not the Water Department is obligated to hook the residents back up to the water line once it is replaced. Cara will check with town counsel.
- 3. GPS: Mr. Curry and Mr. Avery will set-up a time to meet up.

5:55 p.m. Mr. Levakis motion to adjourn meeting, Mr. Avery second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by:  
Cara Letendre

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William Levakis - Chair

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Brad Curry – Clerk

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Gordon Avery - Member