

PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

The 432nd meeting of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board met on May 13th, 2025 at 5:00 PM

James Bradford called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

PWSB Members Present

William Masuck, Chairperson – not present

James Bradford, Vice Chairperson – present

Thomas Hodge – not present

Roberto Moreno – present

Mark Theroux – present

Jeannine Bourski - present

PWSB Staff Present

James DeCelles - Chief Engineer

Russell Houde – Assistant Chief Engineer

Chris Collins – Source Water Manager

Michael Lecours – Chief Financial Officer

Katie Peters – Executive Project Manager

Public Attendees

None

New Business:

4. Consent Agenda

Brief discussion of the new Veolia monthly report. The board members shared their appreciation for its level of detail and scope.

A motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Jeannine Bourski and seconded by Roberto Moreno.

Roll Call Taken:

James Bradford – Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Jeannine Bourski – Yes

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5A. 2025-2027 Bituminous and Concrete Patching of Sidewalks and Roadways –

Bid No. 25-035 Evaluation

The Board was asked to accept the lowest bidder, International Paving Corporation, for concrete patching work. The winning bid came in at \$1,731,810.00.

James Bradford made the motion to approval items 5A, 5B and 5C with one vote.

A motion to approve these contracts was made by Jeannine Bourski and seconded by Mark Theroux.

Roll Call Taken:

James Bradford – Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Jeannine Bourski – Yes

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5D. Reservoir Management Program

The board was asked to recommend the Pawtucket Purchasing Board approve a contract with Veolia for Reservoir Monitoring and Treatment services. The cost for the monitoring, application of treatment chemical and permitting will not exceed \$55,455.30. PWSB and Veolia believe that enhanced monitoring and surface chemical treatment of the Happy Hollow and Robin Hollow reservoirs has improved the finished water quality with respect to taste and odor compounds we experience between the months of April and September. The PWSB and Veolia also believe that

the chemical treatment has been beneficial to the life of the carbon in the filters at the treatment plant.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Jeannine Bourski and seconded by Roberto Moreno.

Roll Call Taken:

James Bradford – Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Jeannine Bourski – Yes

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5E. Woodward & Curran – Well Field Projects

The board was asked to recommend the City Purchasing Board authorize a contract with Woodard & Curran in the amount not to exceed \$490,000 for engineering and drilling work associated with the optimization and treatment recommendations for the PWSB groundwater supply in the Robin Hollow and Happy Hollow areas. Woodard and Curran offer a very experienced team that has already completed a similar project for the Town of Cumberland which was located in the same aquifer we will be working in, so there is some familiarity with the materials and water quality in that area.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mark Theroux and seconded by Roberto Moreno.

Roll Call Taken:

James Bradford – Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Jeannine Bourski – Yes

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5E. Bill Adjustment Request - 123 Oakdale Ave, Pawtucket

The customer, Mrs. Sonia Pereira, is requesting to have the \$500 tax lien fee waived from her account, for reasons of financial hardship. The Board questioned why Customer Service Manager Ron Salois wrote in his recommendations that this adjustment should be granted, as it goes against the PWSB's Rules & Regulations. Jim DeCelles said he would clarify with Mr. Salois and come back with more information at the next board meeting.

A motion to table the bill adjustment request was made by Mark Theroux and seconded by Roberto Moreno.

Roll Call Taken:

James Bradford – Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Jeannine Bourski – Yes

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Next scheduled meeting will be on June 10th, 2025.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Theroux and seconded by James Bradford.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Certified by PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD, recorded by kp


William Masuck, Chairperson