

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

The 434<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board met on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 12:00 PM

William Masuck called the meeting to order at 11:59 AM.

### **PWSB Members Present**

William Masuck, Chairperson – present

James Bradford, Vice Chairperson – present

Robert Benson – present

Roberto Moreno – present

Mark Theroux – present

Nicholas Radesca – not present

### **PWSB Staff Present**

James DeCelles - Chief Engineer

Russell Houde – Assistant Chief Engineer

Katie Peters – Executive Project Manager

### **Public Attendees**

None

### **4. Consent Agenda**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by James Bradford and seconded by Robert Benson.

### **Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Robert Benson - Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

### **APPROVED**

## **5. Executive Session**

A motion was made by James Bradford and seconded by Mark Theroux to go into Executive Session to discuss Investment of Public Funds pursuant to RIGL s. 42-46-5 (a)(7) and Personnel pursuant to RIGL s. 42-46-5 (a)(1).

### **Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Robert Benson - Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

### **APPROVED**

Executive session started at 12:03 PM.

A motion was made by James Bradford and seconded by Robert Benson to go out of executive session.

### **Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Robert Benson - Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

### **APPROVED**

Regular session resumed at 12:06 PM.

A motion was made by James Bradford and seconded by Robert Benson to seal the executive session minutes.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Robert Benson - Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

**APPROVED**

**New Business:**

**6A. Assistant Chief Engineer Contract**

The Board was asked to recommend that the Assistant Chief Engineer contract for Russell Houde be approved by the board and move to the City Council for final approval.

A motion to approve this recommendation was made by Robert Benson and seconded by James Bradford.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Robert Benson - Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

**APPROVED**

**6B. Updated FY26 Budget**

The board was asked to approve an amended FY26 budget. Based on the settlement the PWSB had come to with the PUC, Mike Lecours had to amend the budget that was approved in June. The amended figures were based on the new operating costs in the new treatment plant contract, new union contract, electricity costs, and some capital projects associated with the treatment plant.

A motion to approve the amended budget was made by James Bradford and seconded by Roberto Moreno.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Robert Benson - Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

**APPROVED**

**6C. Increase Bond Authorization**

The board was asked to pass a resolution to increase in the bond authorization for the PWSB. The PWSB has already reached the limit of its bond authorization; even though some debt has been retired, that amount does not return to the bond authorization ability. The PWSB is asking for fifty million in bond authorization, mainly because the PWSB is currently eligible for some grant money (essentially a loan with 100% principle forgiveness) for PFAS work. Looking ahead, the PWSB estimates needing twenty five million dollars to redevelop the wells and to build a PFAS removal plant, another five to ten million for lead service line replacements. The board will need to approve this authorization once more after Jim DeCelles and Joe Keough go before the Finance Committee and City Council. Once the resolution is passed it goes to the City Council who has to pass an ordinance to increase the authority. Joe Keough advised that he may need to correct a slight error in the text of the resolution, in regard to a treasury regulation (parenthesis where there should be a dash). Joe will ensure the correction is made, if necessary, after he confers with bond council.

A motion to approve the resolution with the correct treasury regulation designation in the language of the resolution was made by Robert Benson and seconded by Mark Theroux.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Robert Benson - Yes

Roberto Moreno – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

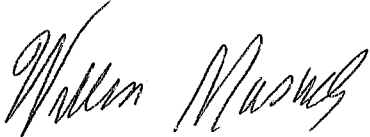
**APPROVED**

Next scheduled meeting is TBD

A motion to adjourn was made by James Bradford and seconded by Roberto Moreno.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Masuck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William Masuck, Chairperson