

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

The 398<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board met on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:15 PM at the  
Pawtucket Water Supply Board, 85 Branch Street, Pawtucket RI.

The Chairperson, William Masuck, called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

ZOOM MEETING DIAL IN NUMBER: +1 646 558 8656 US (US Toll-free), at 4:00PM.

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### **PWSB Members Present**

William Masuck - present

James Bradford – present

Thomas Hodge - present

Mike Araujo -- not present

Joanna L'Heureux – not present

Mark Theroux - present

### **PWSB Staff Present**

James DeCelles - Chief Engineer

Russ Houde - Assistant Chief Engineer

Christopher Collins – Source Water Manager

Robert Benson – CFO

Joe Keough – Attorney

Katie Peters – Executive Assistant

**Public Attendees** – None

### **4. Approval FY '22 Budget**

A motion was made to approve the FY 2022 budget was made by James Bradford and seconded by Thomas Hodge.

### **Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Thomas Hodge - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

**APPROVED**

**5. Consent Agenda**

General discussion regarding the Chief Engineer Report. Bristol Country has awarded a bid for their pipeline section from Bristol Country to East Providence. The project is moving forward. A site for a new pumping station in Attleboro, MA has been selected and that project is also moving forward. Attleboro is paying for the arrangement. PWSB's only commitment to the project will be connecting some PWSB pipes to the new pumping station. PWSB will be paid for that work. An update was given on PFAS legislation. There will be a PFAS legislation hearing on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The legislation is expected to include the 20 parts per trillion limit for 6 PFAS compounds.

A motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by James Bradford and seconded by Mark Theroux.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Thomas Hodge - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

**APPROVED**

**Old Business:**

**6A. Tax Sale**

A plan was agreed upon regarding tax sale notices. Delinquency notices will be sent in July to all delinquent accounts with a balance of \$750 or more. Currently there are 413 accounts over \$750, for a total balance of \$630,000. This delinquency notice will alert the account holder that if the account is not made current, or no payment plan has been established, by September 1, 2021, it

will be placed on a tax lien sale. The tax sale will take place in February 2022. A recommendation was made that a notice of this tax sale be placed in both the Pawtucket Times and the Valley Breeze.

**6B. Request for Easement – Mendon Road Property, North Attleboro, MA (AP 28, Lot 50)**

Joe Keough gave an update on the Mendon Road Property. A letter has been sent to the City Council indicating that the PWSB had voted to recommend that the property be sold to the two interested parties (Balay and DaSilveria), subject to the agreed-upon terms.

**New Business:**

**8A. Award bid for MR-12**

The board was presented with submittals for MR-12 main replacement project bids. The bid will be awarded to the lowest bidder, C.B. Utility Co. for a total bid price of \$2,599,147.00.

**8B. Award bid for Mini Excavator**

The board was presented with a bid to purchase one Kobelco Mini Excavator from ATS Equipment under the State of Rhode Island Master Price Agreement (MPA #3617501) for an amount not to exceed \$42,250.

A motion to approve the bids for both MR-12 and the Mini Excavator was made by Thomas Hodge and seconded by James Bradford.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Thomas Hodge - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

**APPROVED**

**8C. Bill Adjustment Request – 26 Slater Park Ave, Pawtucket**

Ms. Laura Caldas sent a letter to the Board requesting relief from several high water bills, due to a fire in her building in September 2020. It was discussed that, according to the fire incident report, the fire took place on a second story porch and therefore would not have affected the water system.

PWSB recommends that the Board deny Ms. Laura Caldas' request for relief from her water bill, in accordance with the Pawtucket Water policy.

Motion to deny bill adjustment was made by Thomas Hodge and seconded by James Bradford.

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Thomas Hodge - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

**APPROVED**

Next scheduled meeting will be on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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

**Roll Call Taken:**

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Thomas Hodge - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

**APPROVED**

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.

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William Masuck, Chairperson