

PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

March 9, 2021

Regular Meeting

4:00 PM

The 395th meeting of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board met on March 9th, 2021
at 4:00 PM

The Chairperson, William Masuck, called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

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

ENTER MEETING ID: 892 7189 1825 (When asked for participant ID)

PWSB Members Present

William Masuck - Present

James Bradford - Present

Thomas Hodge - Present

Mike Araujo - Present

Joanna L'Heureux - Present (Joined at 4:09pm)

Mark Theroux - Present

PWSB Staff Present

James DeCelles - Chief Engineer

Russ Houde - Assistant Chief Engineer

Robert Benson - CFO

Joe Keough - Attorney

Katie Peters - Secretary

Public Attendees - None

4.B Chief Engineer Report

An update was given on the East Providence / Bristol County connection. Bristol County is expected to start construction on the first part of the pipeline beginning in April or May. Bristol County is committed to extending the pipeline to connect to the PWSB water system, and they are requesting that East Providence join in. East Providence seems to be seriously considering the proposal. The situation is progressing.

4. A Consent Agenda

A motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by James Bradford and seconded by Thomas Hodge.

Roll Call

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Thomas Hodge - Yes

Mike Araujo - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

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New Business:

5A. FY2020 Audited Financial Statements:

A question was asked as to whether there was a management letter to go along with the financial statements. No management letter was included, due to a change in professional standards. A new government accounting standard was brought up for future consideration regarding the inclusion of retired facilities that may have some retirement and/or demolition expenses.

Motion to approve was made by Thomas Hodge and seconded by James Bradford.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Thomas Hodge - Yes

Mike Araujo - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

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5B. Bill Adjustment Requests

1. Slater Park, Pawtucket

Discussion continued regarding a large water bill at Slater Park in Pawtucket, which was higher than usual due to a leak in the bathrooms in July 2020. Mr. Sean Robinson, the president of the Darlington American Little League, had sent a letter to the PWSB asking for relief from the bill. As requested at the previous board meeting, a copy of the agreement between the Darlington Little League and the City of Pawtucket was obtained. The agreement indicates that the Darlington Little League would be responsible for the water utility payment. It was noted that such a high water bill would put the Little League out of business. Therefore, a proposal was set forward in which the Little League would pay for 1/3 of the total bill, the City of Pawtucket would pay another third, and the PWSB would waive the last third. The Little League would be offered a 12-month payment plan for their share of the bill.

A motion to approve the proposal was made by Thomas Hodge and seconded by James Bradford.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Thomas Hodge - Yes

Mike Araujo - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

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2. 42 Pearson Ave, Pawtucket

Mrs. Maureen Potris-Gardiner sent a letter to the Board requesting relief or refund from a large water bill from July and August of 2020.

PWSB recommends that The Board deny Ms. Maureen Potris-Gardiner's request for a reduction in her bill, in accordance with 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

Mike Araujo - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

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5C. Tax Sale Status

Discussion occurred regarding whether or not to hold a tax sale in November 2021. This would mean sending out notices in June 2021. A decision was made to hold off on committing to the November tax sale and to continue discussing the matter over the next few months.

Next regular meeting will be April 13, 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made by James Bradford and seconded by Mike Araujo.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford - Yes

Thomas Hodge - Yes

Mike Araujo - Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

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Meeting adjourned at 4:49pm.

Certified By: PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD, recorded by: kp

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

William Masuck, Chairperson