

PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

The 408th meeting of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board met on November 8th, 2022 at 12:00 PM

William Masuck called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

PWSB Members Present

William Masuck – present

James Bradford – present

Thomas Hodge - present

Mike Araujo – present

Mark Theroux – present

PWSB Staff Present

James DeCelles - Chief Engineer

Russell Houde – Assistant Chief Engineer

Robert Benson – CFO

Joe Keough – Attorney

Katie Peters – Executive Assistant

Public Attendees – None

4. Consent Agenda

No updates were reported regarding the East Providence/Bristol County connection.

Attleboro has been working to bring down the bid price as a cost-saving measure, and looking at purchasing the pump station on their own and hiring an outside company to install it.

Discussion of the sludge removal took place. The process is moving very slowly. The contract deadline for Synagro is approaching (in December). Veolia will deal with any penalties that Synagro may have to face if they do not finish the work in the contracted time, as they are the ones in the contract, not the PWSB.

It was discussed that 85 Branch St has not had any problems with Cox, though Grotto Ave has had issues with internet and power.

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

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck – Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Thomas Hodge – Yes

Mike Araujo – Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

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Old Business:

5A. Bill Adjustment - 54 Branch St, Pawtucket

Per the board’s request at the October 11th board meeting, Ron Salois reached out to the account owner of 54 Branch St, Pawtucket, Mr. Edvin E. Cordon, for additional information regarding any recent plumbing work done around the water meter.

After several requests, Ron received the a brief note from Mr. Cordon. According to Mr. Cordon, the plumbing work was not done by a licensed plumber but by a friend of Mr. Cordon’s.

No other information was provided by Mr. Cordon.

PWSB recommends that the Board deny Mr. Cordon’s request for relief from the meter tampering charge, in accordance with the Pawtucket Water policy. It was requested that the PWSB send along information about setting up a payment plant that could assist Mr. Cordon in paying his bill.

Motion to deny bill adjustment was made by Thomas Hodge 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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New Business:

6A. Tax Sale

The board was presented with the current state of delinquent accounts, as of 11/3/22:

Amount	Number of Accounts	Total Dollars
\$500	493	\$727,937
\$700	363	\$645,621
\$1000	249	\$546,944

Because both the Narraganset Bay Commission and Providence Water have not resumed tax sales, it was agreed that no tax sale would take place in May 2023. The board will re-assess the tax sale question next year.

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

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck – Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Thomas Hodge – Yes

Mike Araujo – Yes

Mark Theroux - Yes

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Next scheduled meeting will be on December 13th, 2022.

A motion to adjourn 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

APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Certified by PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD, recorded by kp



William Masuck, Chairperson