

PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

The 411th meeting of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board met on February 14th, 2023 at 5:00 PM

William Masuck called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

PWSB Members Present

William Masuck – present

James Bradford – present

Thomas Hodge – not present

Mike Araujo – present

Mark Theroux – present

PWSB Staff Present

James DeCelles - Chief Engineer

Russel Houde – Assistant Chief Engineer

Joe Keough – Attorney

Katie Peters – Executive Assistant

Public Attendees

None

4. Consent Agenda

James DeCelles started a discussion on the vacant CFO position. Based on a salary survey, the pay range for the PWSB CFO position is much lower than neighboring / equivalent water utility CFO positions. It was discussed that it may help if the CFO position was changed to an employment contract, much like the Chief and Assistant Chief Engineer positions. This would allow flexibility of pay and the addition of benefits. It was agreed that Joe Keough and James DeCelles would start discussions with City Hall about whether this change would be possible and what it would require. The meter replacement project was discussed, with plans for PWSB to begin installations in June 2023.

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

Mike Araujo – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

APPROVED

New Business:

5A. Water Treatment Plant Asset Evaluation

The Board was asked to authorize that the PWSB recommend to the Pawtucket Purchasing Board to approve a contract with Veolia for a Water Treatment Plant Asset Evaluation to be conducted by Wright Pierce Engineering. The cost for the evaluation will not exceed \$56,250 and will be split evenly between PWSB and Veolia. The 20 year operations contract between Veolia and PWSB is set to expire in 2024. Section 2.4.6 states "Prior to the final Contract Year, the PWSB and Company shall select an independent, technically qualified firm (Auditor) to conduct a complete Facility audit to determine the condition of the Facility. The cost of services provided by the Auditor shall be divided equally between the PWSB and Company."

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

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Mike Araujo – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

APPROVED

Next scheduled meeting will be on March 14th, 2023.

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

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes


Mike Araujo – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

Certified by PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD, recorded by kp



William Masuck, Chairperson