

PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

The 426th meeting of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board met on November 12th, 2024 at 5:00 PM

William Masuck called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PWSB Members Present

William Masuck, Chairperson – present

James Bradford, Vice Chairperson – present

Thomas Hodge – present

Mike Araujo – present

Mark Theroux – present

Mark Stankiewicz - present

PWSB Staff Present

James DeCelles - Chief Engineer

Russell Houde – Assistant Chief Engineer

Chris Collins – Source Water Manager

Michael Lecours – Chief Financial Officer

Katie Peters – Executive Project Manager

Joe Keough – Attorney

Public Attendees

None

4. Consent Agenda

Chairperson Bill Masuck took a few minutes to discuss his lifelong hearing problems, due to ear damage he sustained during the Vietnam war. In order to best hear the discussions in the board meetings, Bill brought a new hearing device which he has found to be effective.

5. Consent Agenda

Discussion occurred about the new temporary dam at Rawson Pond. Jim DeCelles confirmed that Rawson pond is entirely owned by the Town of Cumberland, and that the PWSB has no

ownership of it. Mike Araujo asked about the current drought of rain and asked whether the PWSB water supply was threatened. It was confirmed by Chris Collins and Jim DeCelles that the reservoirs are at 63% capacity, which is not a concern. The PWSB will continue to monitor the reservoirs closely. A possible interconnection with Lincoln was discussed, although there is no movement in that direction. Jim DeCelles mentioned he would be wary of connecting with Lincoln, due to the new interconnections with Bristol and Attleboro. The PWSB wants to ensure that there is always ample water for its distribution system, as well as anyone it supplies water to.

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

Mike Araujo – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Mark Stankiewicz - Yes

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Old Business:

6A. Bristol Country Water Purchase Contract

After an extended period of negotiation, the terms of the Bristol County contract have been worked through. The contract allows for 1 million gallons per day to be taken through the connection, and as many as 3.5 million gallons if needed. Mike Araujo confirmed that there is a section that which allows the PWSB to throttle flow if there is a need for water conservation for the PWSB system. Per Tom Hodge, Jim DeCelles will ask attorney Sean Coffey to confirm that the PWSB does not have liability if Bristol County were to commence work on the interconnection between the cities.

Motion to approve the contract was made by Mark Stankiewicz and seconded by Mark Theroux.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes

James Bradford – Yes

Thomas Hodge – Yes

Mike Araujo – Yes

Mark Theroux – Yes

Mark Stankiewicz - Yes

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New Business:

7A. Lead Service Line Information

Jim DeCelles informed that the Board of letters that were sent out to many customers on November 8th. These letters were part of the Revised Lead & Copper Rule, where systems needed to submit water service line material inventories by October 16, 2024. Then, within a month, notifications were required to be sent to those customers with both unknown and lead service lines. For the purposes of the regulations, any non-copper and non-plastic piping is considered to be lead (including brass, galvanized iron, lead, lead-lined steel). The PWSB is currently working hard to identify all the unknown service lines to understand the scope of what is out in the system. The corrosion control program that the PWSB follows (including lime, orthophosphate and pH adjustment) is very effective, meaning that even if customers did have full lead pipes, the corrosion control would have coated the pipe and would not allow lead to leech into the water. The likelihood of lead entering people's bodies through their water is very low, especially as compared to lead paint and soil issues.

7B. Janitorial Services Contract Award

The Board was asked to authorize the procurement for janitorial related services for a three (3) year period to the firm of Go To Services, Warwick Rhode Island. The total cost for all basic and

optional additional services for the three-year contract is as follows and is further broken down in the attached bid evaluation tabulation.

85 Branch Street (3 year, 2025 -2027)- cost of \$ 77,760.00	
<u>239 Grotto Ave. (3 year, 2025 -2027)- cost of \$ 55,200.00</u>	
Total	\$ 132,960.00

Motion to accept the bid was made by Thomas Hodge and seconded by Mark Theroux.

Roll Call Taken:

William Masuck - Yes
James Bradford – Yes
Thomas Hodge – Yes
Mike Araujo – Yes
Mark Theroux – Yes
Mark Stankiewicz - Yes

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Next scheduled meeting will be on December 10th, 2024.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Araujo and seconded by Mark Theroux.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

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William Masuck, Chairperson