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WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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The Board of Water Commissioners met in open session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building, room 315.

WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

Those in attendance were: Water Commissioners Ron Cole (Chairman); Joseph Popielarczyk (Member); Public Works Director David Billips; Assistant Director Francis Cain; Water Systems Engineer Heather Stayton; Budget Analyst Joanna Williams; Recording Secretary Hannah Larkham

The meeting was being recorded by Office Manager Hannah Larkham and Kristen Melo of 27 Moseley Ave.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Commissioner Cole noted many Councilors present at the meeting and offered the floor to any of them to speak. None of them had any concerns or comments.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Water Abatement Application: 60 Orchard St

Property owner Robert Gordon presented to the Board the water abatement application. He purchased the property sight unseen through auction with a \$12,000 water lien. Once he was able to get inside and contact the water department, he found out the water had been leaking for seven months. After two quarters of high consumption, the department was notified of the leak and went and turned the water off. Robert is claiming there is over \$60,000 worth of damages to the property due to the water leak.

Commissioner Cole stated that a conversation needs to be had with the City Solicitor's Office because he believes they cannot abate bills that were not issued to him. Director Billips reiterated he believes the Rules & Regulation of the Water Commission state the current homeowner is the only person to ask for abatement. Billips advised the Board to get an opinion from the Solicitor's Office to see if there is anything that can be done and table this abatement until the next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Popielarczyk to refer the Water Abatement Application for 60 Orchard St to the Law Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion approved.

Overtime Reports: Commissioner Cole asked a question in regards to overtime that is being paid for "meter program."

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Popielarczyk to approve the minutes as written for January 8, 2019 meeting of the Board of Water Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion approved.

Project Updates

East Mountain Road Tank is at 90% design. The project will move to bid once Owen District Road project is close to operational.

The water reservoir is a tenth over the flashboards. It tends to fill up heading towards spring and the department is hopeful there will be enough so there wouldn't be a water ban come summer.

The SCADA upgrade is moving along and is close to implementing.

The meter project currently has three crews out at appointments and the contractor is hopeful to have six crews by the spring. The project is about 12-13% complete at this point.

The Owen District Road project hit a few hiccups with the government shut down recently. The department is expecting the delivery of the vessels sometime in March.

The temporary treatment for Well 2 is currently running. The test results show presences in the raw water and non-detect in the treated water. There are three sample points at which the water is being tested and there has been no detection at the highest point. The department is testing about every three weeks.

The permanent treatment for wells 1 & 2 is at 60% design phase

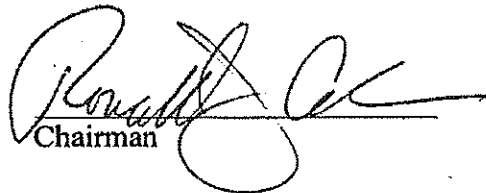
Deputy Superintendent Jeff Gamelli was present at the meeting and he talked about all the changes and work that has been going on at the Waste Water Plant.

The budget for fiscal year 2020 will be ready for next meeting for review.

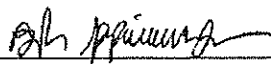
The next meeting of the Board of Water Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Popielarczyk to adjourn; Motion seconded by Commissioner Cole, Motion approved. ADJOURN: 6:36 P.M.


Chairman

Secretary



Member