

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

JULY 20, 2021 – REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chairperson Sean Dunn, Commissioner Elizabeth Phelan, Suarez, Ferrier, Porrini.
Council Liaison Mary Fortier

STAFF PRESENT: Superintendent Robert Longo, Assistant Superintendent Lynch, Pagliaruli, Bolduc and Office Manager Dawn LaBella.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dunn called the meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners held via videoconference to order at 6:30 PM.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3) MOMENT OF SILENCE.

4) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

On motion of Commissioner Phelan and seconded, it was unanimously voted to approve the June 15, 2021 minutes as presented.

Roll call vote: Chairman Dunn – Yes
Commissioner Phelan – Yes
Commissioner Suarez – Yes
Commissioner Ferrier - Yes
Commissioner Porrini - Yes

Motion passed.

5) APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Suarez and seconded, it was unanimously voted to approve the June 2021 Department Reports as presented.

Roll call vote: Chairman Dunn - Yes
Commissioner Phelan – Yes
Commissioner Suarez – Yes
Commissioner Ferrier - Yes
Commissioner Porrini - Yes

Motion passed.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

7) CUSTOMER COMPLAINT

57 George Street – Elsie Rolon via videoconference: Superintendent Longo gave a brief overview of Ms. Rolon’s letter stating that her son tried to open a valve to use the outside faucet, but never turned the valve back off. Superintendent Longo noted the Department went to Ms. Rolon’s home on 57 George Street and found that there are two (2) valves and one of the valves were opened to a line that was just below grade, they turned it off and the meter stopped spinning. This was the source of the leak, which created the large water bill. A discussion ensued, since the issue of the large bill was caused by a broken pipe underground, the Board noted that no relief will be given, but suggested a payment plan be offered.

On motion of Commissioner Phelan and seconded, voted no relief be given, but to offer a payment plan. Ms. Rolon is to contact the office to make payment arrangements.

Roll Call Vote: Chairman Dunn - Yes
Commissioner Phelan – Yes
Commissioner Suarez – Yes
Commissioner Ferrier - Yes
Commissioner Porrini - Yes

Motion passed.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Cell Tower Committee: No action taken.

9) INVESTMENTS.

Nothing reported.

10) ACTIVITY REPORT – WESTON & SAMPSON.

No action taken.

Chairman Dunn requested Agenda Item 11 Chairman’s Report, & 12, Superintendent’s Report be switched and to make this a permanent order.

On motion of Commissioner Suarez and seconded, voted to place Agenda Item 12 before Agenda Item 11.

Roll Call Vote: Chairman Dunn - Yes
Commissioner Phelan – Yes
Commissioner Suarez – Yes
Commissioner Ferrier - Yes
Commissioner Porrini - Yes

Motion passed.

12) SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Longo informed the Board that high ground water; caused an issue at the Filtration Plant. The ground water lifted the 8,000-gallon fuel tank through the roof of the

concrete containment. The fiberglass tank was fractured and it cracked the access point. D'Amato Construction was called out to assess the damage along with Clean Harbors to clean the area. He noted that there was no fuel spill. He recommended the Board at this time to consider going out to RFQ for a new on-call engineering firm that can handle both water & sewer needs. He also requested that the Board allow the Department to consult with the current on-call engineering firm to address the fuel tanks storage to be constructed above ground. The tanks will need to be fixed before wintertime and should not be held off for a new engineering firm.

On motion of Commissioner Phelan and seconded, voted to create and RFQ for a new on call Engineering Firm that can handle both Water and Sewer needs.

Roll Call: Chairman Dunn – Yes
Commissioner Phelan – Yes
Commissioner Suarez – Yes
Commissioner Ferrier – Yes
Commissioner Porrini – Yes

Motion passed.

On motion of Commissioner Phelan and seconded, voted to consult with Weston & Sampson to design an above ground storage for the damaged fuel tank along with the damaged diesel tank.

Roll Call: Chairman Dunn – Yes
Commissioner Phelan – Yes
Commissioner Suarez – Yes
Commissioner Ferrier – Yes
Commissioner Porrini – Yes

Motion passed.

11) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

No action taken.

13) OLD BUSINESS.

None.

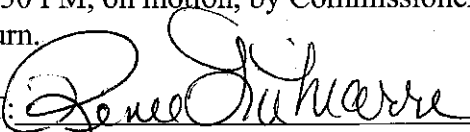
14) NEW BUSINESS.

None.

15) ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:50 PM, on motion, by Commissioner Suarez and seconded, unanimously voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Renee M. LaMarre
Water & Sewer Administrative Assistant