



LYNNFIELD CENTER WATER DISTRICT WARRANT
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Regular Board Meeting
3:00 pm April 13, 2020

Date, time, place: The regular meeting of the Board was held on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 3:00 PM via Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present via Virtual: Commissioners Robert Almy, Anders Youngren and Joseph Maney, Superintendent John Scenna, Treasurer James Alexander and Clerk of the Board Christine Smallenberger

Absent: none

Also attending virtual: Stefan Taschner and Thomas Bolioli of 665 Lowell Street

Additional attachments: Agenda, incorporated into the minutes hereto.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday April 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM Virtual Zoom Meeting - continuation of this meeting

Adjourn: 3:31 PM

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm and is being recorded for the purpose of minutes.

Chairman Maney read the following statement:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the LCWD Board of Commissioners will be conducted via remote participation. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found within this posting below. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do

so, despite best efforts, we will post minutes of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

A motion was made to take March billing out of order. March bills went out last week on the old rate structure for usage from November 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020. The new rates that were deliberated and discussed went into place on March 1st and will go out in June. We included an insert with the bill with details of the new volumetric rates, the upcoming Annual Meeting, and details on classes, types of rates and timing of bills. Throughout today and Friday the office received numerous calls on the rate structure. The Office Manager has been on the phone fielding calls regarding the bills. Once the people got an understanding of the rates, they were in a better place, yet some feel it is still high. The true impact will be felt by the District next year when we can lower the tax rate. Superintendent Scenna would like to discuss and have the board vote formally releasing late fees and interest for a certain period to give people a reprieve during the state of emergency. Until people get accustomed to these rates, we will probably get a lot of calls. Mr. Bolioli is here for this reason and is in an information gathering mode. He would like to know what the tax levy will be going forward. Chairman Maney responded right now 70% of your bill is in the tax levy and 20% is volumetric usage and we are in the process of flipping them. This is a transition year. Going forward in 2021 the quarterly water bill may be \$400-\$600 but the tax portion of the tax levy will be cut in half. We are completely independent from the town and there is a lot of misinformation on the Facebook pages. Mr. Bolioli wants to see the levy to go away but unfortunately this is for fire suppression. We did a presentation of the rates in the fall. He did see all this information on our website and thanked us for the explanation.

1. Update on Daily Operations in State of Emergency Status

We have entered our 3rd cycle running operations with a 2-person crew. We will be doing this for at least 2 more weeks and see what the commonwealth restrictions put on us. Superintendent Scenna meets daily with the local emergency group. Operations had a few issues in some customer homes. We are maintaining and monitoring stations and working on annual statistical reporting. At our last meeting, we talked about Main Street capacity. Weston & Sampson (W&S) will begin work on well 9A tomorrow.

At 3:31 PM, the meeting was interrupted due to the storm with some in attendance losing power. All three commissioners voted Aye by telephone text to adjourn the meeting, repost the agenda and meet this Thursday, March 16th at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,