



LYNNFIELD CENTER WATER DISTRICT WARRANT
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Regular Board Meeting
4:30 pm November 14, 2022

Date, time, place: The regular meeting of the Board was held on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 4:30 PM.

Present: Commissioners Anders Youngren, Joseph Maney, Steve Walsh, Superintendent John Scenna, Treasurer Kevin Sullivan and Clerk of the Board Christine Smallenberger

Absent: none

Others attending: Stefan and Mary Taschner, Kenneth Burnham, Dick Hingston, Brian Jamros and Kathleen Glowacki from Bartholomew

Additional attachments: Agenda, incorporated into the minutes hereto.

Next Regular Meeting: November 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Adjourn: 5:58 PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM

1. Superintendent's Update

1. Special District Meeting Follow-up, Meeting Minutes and Filings

Clerk Doyle executed the meeting minutes and filed the minutes with the state for the parcels to be accepted. The information is posted to our website and documents are ready for signature tonight.

2. Continued Business

1. n/a

3. New Business

1. Retirees Benefit Policy Discussion: Before us is a discussion on the retiree policy that needs to be updated. We want to start with understanding with what is in place; we aren't looking to penalize retirees rather looking to document the policy as we have a new auditor. The board wants to make

sure everyone is getting paid properly and take care of our current and past employees. Superintendent Scenna asked Mr. Stefan Taschner to explain the memo he had drafted as a former chairman of the board. In the 50's/60's the board implemented a policy to reimburse 50% of health insurance cost. There is a statute in 32b that you have to offer health insurance reimbursement at 50%. The number generally used was Medex. When Jim Johnson retired, he tried to get that plan but the plan was not offered out of state and he had to opt with something equivalent. The board reimbursed him based on the Medex number. Superintendent Scenna found documentation on the meeting referencing Jimmy Johnson. Mr. Taschner said retirees had the option getting the gold plan which included prescription benefits. Medicare was reformed with prescriptions and anyone joining couldn't get Part D after 2006 and Part D should be rolled in to get the true cost. Part B insurance premium used to be a negligible amount but is now a substantial amount equaling about \$1500/year. Chairman Maney said we will form a committee to make sure everything is even to cover current and past employees.

2. OPEB Overview and Update: Bartholomew is in attendance to give a brief update. We are nearly fully funded. The board had asked if the allotment of funds we will appropriate this fiscal year should be done now or should we wait. Bartholomew said if we want to take advantage of the market, it is a good time. We will check with Standard & Poor (S&P) to see if they want us to invest now. We need to get the declaration of trust completed.
3. FY22 Free Cash Outlook and Next Steps: This is the second consecutive year with a healthy amount of free cash. Dick Hingston said the free cash estimate was due to revenue over budget and expenses were under budget. With the conservative approach, we generated \$646,515 revenue and was under budget of \$207,000 which leaves us at \$1 million in free cash.
4. CY23 Tax Levy Options and Next Steps: In FY22 the tax had a 60/40 split for taxes. Dick Hingston presented 3 scenarios to the board: 60/40, 65/35 and 55/45. Whatever scenario we choose can impact our free cash knowing we will have projects for the next 18 months. If we were to stay with the 60/40 tax levy, we may not need to increase the rate in March 2023 though this is not recommended by our rate consultant as we are looking to borrow. We will be looking at a possible 2-3% increase in volumetric. Chairman Maney would love to see a 72/28 split in the next few years.

4. Update on Capital Improvement Projects

1. PFAS Earmark: We received notice today of the reward of the \$100,000 earmark from the senator's office. At a meeting in December, CDM will be in attendance to present long-term PFAS alternatives. Long-term data shows we fluctuate just under and over the maximum contaminant level (mcl), we test as low as 17-18 and highest is 22. Unfortunately, we have the same rules as districts with significant PFAS issues and a significantly higher mcl.

2. Station 2 PFAS enclosure: The shelter has been approved by the building inspector and will be fully enclosed but needs insulation. We did a foundation for the building permit and got it approved. We hope to insulate and bring in electricity and lights next week. The structure was a DEP requirement. The last pending requirement is to sample secondaries; the secondaries have to match, and composition can't change. We can't have the vessels do something to the secondaries which can impact other issues in the system. The 1st sample showed an issue. We had used system backwater to flush and we think the iron got trapped. We flushed and are about to sample again this week. Once it's clear and insulated we can turn it on. We did report that we are above the mcl for July, August, and September.
3. PFAS Long-Term Strategies Introduction: CDM will look at staying the course or shutting down and bringing everything to Glen Drive. We will need to make a decision on what to do long-term.

The town moderator asked if Superintendent Scenna can provide a statement at the beginning of the Sagamore presentation at town meeting this evening.

Chairman Maney spoke about Mr. Swimm (1219 Main Street) reaching out to speak to him. Chairman Maney told Mr. Swimm that he was given many opportunities to speak. Mr. Swimm was voted in the district at the Special District Meeting, but Mr. Swimm does not want to be in the district; we have never encountered this before and do not have any clear response that will remove him from the district.

A motion was made to adjourn at 5:58 pm