



LYNNFIELD CENTER WATER DISTRICT WARRANT
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Regular Board Meeting
7:00 pm October 3, 2022

Date, time, place: The regular meeting of the Board was held on October 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

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

Absent: none

Others attending: n/a

Additional attachments: Agenda, incorporated into the minutes hereto.

Next Regular Meeting: October 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Adjourn: 8:33 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

Superintendent's update: Friday was the 2nd phase of start-up at station 2 for PFAS and is moving along. Superintendent Scenna presented numbers on consumption and revenue collected for September's quarterly billing. This past quarter was the highest revenue in the district's history. We billed significantly more with less water than 2 years ago because the 2nd tier is higher.

Discussion on meters: we spoke to Ti Sales on the capability of our meters and extracting more data from them. 900 of our meters have the ability to extract data and get hourly information. 1800 accounts need upgrading and 700 of those just need the register. 1100 accounts need the meter, register and radio updated. Money has been set aside in an article and we hope to start this program soon. There is another level called AMI (advance meter infrastructure) where the information comes directly to the office through cellular (at the meter) or our own network with antennas. With AMI, you get data points every hour and can get over 8700 reads per house per year. The problem is you are only able to read at the capacity of the meter until you get every meter upgraded. It is not cheap but is likely a system we will get to at some point. Cellular could be our best option though the increase in cost is in the software and is around \$40,000 per year. The device would increase from

\$150 to \$180. The customer would get their readings through WaterSmart. Another option is building our own network where the software cost decreases but you spend a lump sum for antennas and network. Superintendent Scenna wants the board to consider all options and if the costs are worth the upgrade at this time.

Treasurer Sullivan presented the financials. FY22 is officially closed. We have an estimate on free cash for this year but has not yet been certified. Free cash from the prior year was \$1,130,655 and over the course of the year \$740,860 was used. Free cash remaining at the end of FY22 was \$166,000. Last year's free cash enabled us to pay cash for the PFAS treatment project at Main Street. Treasurer Sullivan talked to Brian Jamros from Bartholomew regarding the OPEB fund. The fund went down by \$60,000 within the fiscal year. Commissioner Maney suggested adding more money to the fund as stocks are low. We have budgeted \$25,000 for OPEB for FY23. This fund protects the existing group of retirees. Currently, we pay retiree benefits as a line item within the budget. Bond agencies like to see a healthy OPEB account for better borrowing rates. We need to look at the whole retirement OPEB policy and process. We will send all retirees a letter and invite them to a future board meeting to discuss the new policy. The right thing is to pay Mr. Taschner for last year's Medicare reimbursement.

Superintendent Scenna presented information on CDM's 60% workshop. It shows significant increases the project has sustained, and the job is tracking significantly over budget. The feasibility study did not pick up emergency building codes, storing chemicals and a full HVAC system. The SRF could have a grant attached to it which could be our saving grace along with the 0% interest rate. Commissioner Youngren is concerned we will have to go back to the district to ask for more money. Superintendent Scenna has no issue going back to the district to ask for more, but we need to make sure we've knocked on every politician's door before we do so. We would be irresponsible if we didn't put PFAS remediation into the Glen Drive plant design. There is a chance we could go up Route 1 if MWRA decides to take their pipeline up Route 1. MWRA is reconsidering a lot of decisions and changed their modeling because PFAS is a year-round issue for many. PFAS is an unfunded mandate issued by the DEP; we can't imagine not getting SRF funding to resolve the PFAS issue. We are looking for help from Representative Jones to get us \$100,000 to keep CDM moving forward with the PFAS design. We will be bidding the Glen Drive treatment plant possibly in March 2023.

The October 13th meeting will be focused on the proposed Sagamore development.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:33 pm for executive session.

Respectfully submitted,