



LYNNFIELD CENTER WATER DISTRICT WARRANT
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Regular Board Meeting
7:00 pm April 24, 2023

Date, time, place: The regular meeting of the Board was held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

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

Absent: none

Others attending: Lisa DeMeo (Lynnfield Town Engineer)

Additional attachments: Agenda, incorporated into the minutes hereto.

Next Regular Meeting: June 6, 2023

Adjourn: 6:48 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Lisa DeMeo, Lynnfield's Town Engineer, represented the district with the Ipswich River Resiliency Task Force. She is also involved with the Wakefield interconnection project and attended the pre-construction meeting Thursday. She has worked with the contractors before and will protect the town's interest on the road. Ms. DeMeo spoke to the board regarding the sub-committee that spends most of their time looking at water demands in each Ipswich River Watershed community. There is some availability, not a lot, but would have to be piped somewhere. The expense to move it around isn't worth it. The committee is looking at MWRA approvals but so far it is just a lot of study. Some communities worry year-round as opposed to us worrying during summer demand months. The connection with Wakefield will jump us ahead of the group.

Superintendent Scenna spoke with District Counsel McEnaney who is working with Attorney Tom McGee (from Lynn). A legal firm in New York, Napoli Shkolnik, is suing a group of companies that introduced PFAS into the environment. Attorney McEnaney wants to know if we are interesting in signing on with the suit and would be the in-between with the lawyer

for the district. There are approximately 25 to 30 plaintiffs with similar water systems. Chairman Maney wants to hold off on voting until Commissioner Walsh is in attendance.

Budget: The office manager and treasurer are working to go digital with checks. (The attached budget sheets are incorporated into these minutes.) The budget carried a 3% for cola; we will need to add the cola for next year. The budget also needs to add additional money to the professional fees line item to negotiate the CBA at \$18,000. After supplementing to make the FY23 budget whole, we may have half a million dollars left in free cash. At the last meeting we talked about not billing as much. The impact of the CBA is influx and we trying to work through it. Electricity costs fell short because of rate increases and is projecting over budget again this year. We also need to add money to pipes and fittings line item for new hydrants. We need to do a lot of water work on Edwards Ave (3 out of 4 have cast iron, the cards weren't updated, and the street is pretty old).

Oakridge - Touchette owes us the connection; we will order the pipe next week. Edwards Ave. will be put out to bid as it is not an emergency. The estimated cost is \$65,000.

The revisions to lead and copper rule is looming. Glen Meadow is possibly a hot spot for lead.

Health Insurance: Insurance went up 1%. We added the PPO cost into the FY24 budget.

Debt and interest is fixed to pay back the \$3.8 million. Last year Sagamore threw us for a loop. We had to bring in CDM to check everything. The CBA was a hit to the budget and the expenses escalated. The CBA was retroactive to July 2022.

Will be posting the part-time office administrative position and outside workers at the high school for the summer.

CDM will present an update on the Glen Drive treatment plant for iron and manganese and PFAS and how station 2 will be connected at the Annual District Meeting. Dave Fox from Raftelis will also present an analysis of the \$15 million that we are allowed to borrow through the 0% interest SRF loan as interest rates have gone up.

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,