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TOWN OF PAXTON
Water Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: John Bauer Senior Center, 17 West Street, Paxton, MA

Present: John Malone (JM), Chair
David Trulson (DT), Vice Chair
Rodney Jenkins (RJ), Clerk
Travis Thibault (TT), Director of Public Works
Tiffany Sidhom, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Motion (DT) seconded (JM) to accept the regular meeting minutes from the March 24, 2022 meeting.

Approval of March 2022 Billings Rendered

The Board reviewed and signed the March 2022 Billings Rendered. Motion (RJ) seconded (JM).

2021 Annual Statistical Report

On April 5, 2022 the 2021 Annual Statistical Report was finalized and submitted to the DEP. A copy is available at the Water Department office. The unaccounted for water was at 19.5%. Residential gallons per capita per day was 48 gallons per person per day, based off a population count of 3,605 users (which is calculated by the DEP).

Through leak detection, the Water Department confirmed 1.95 million gallons per year of water lost through leaks found (calculated from the day the leak was discovered through the day they were able to make the repair). Metered flushing for the year was 1.04 million gallons. The total estimated municipal water use for the year was 5.02 million gallons which included unmetered flushing, water lost during water main breaks, charging and filling mains, tank overflows and Fire Department usage.

FY22 Financials and Consumption Data

The Board reviewed the FY22 financials and consumption data to date.

Director Updates and Reports

As of April 11, 2022, the new SCADA system is 100% operational and everything is working well. The Maple Street tank and chlorination system are online. All the pump station software has been updated.

On March 31, 2022, a letter was sent to Yield Management stating that the Department will no longer be using their services as of June 30, 2022.

The next project will be trying to get the VFDs upgraded. GDS Associates just sent back the energy assessment and (TT) hopes to be able to use the information to submit for a GAP III grant within the next few months.

On March 29, 2022, all Highway and Water Department employees took a wood chipper safety training class. Over the last few days, employees have been clearing brush at the Asnebusmkit dam, as was suggested at the last dam inspection approximately five years ago. Another dam inspection will be conducted in May or June of 2022.

On March 30, 2022, the damaged hydrant at the corner of Ridgewood and Oakwood was replaced. This leaves one hydrant on Asnebusmkit that still needs to be replaced. The Department is waiting for the hydrant to come in.

The Union Contract was ratified by the Union and the Board of Selectmen and will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Spring hydrant flushing will commence in the next couple of weeks.

Surveying is being completed for the West Street Water Main project. From there, (TT) is just awaiting the plans from Tata & Howard. Depending on when said plans are received, (TT) will attempt to apply for a MassWorks grant for the project.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2022.

Motion (DT) seconded (RJ) to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Sidhom, Administrative Assistant