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**TOWN OF PAXTON  
Water Commissioners  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023**

**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 (joined at 7:22 p.m.)  
Rodney Jenkins (RJ), Clerk  
Travis Thibault (TT), Director of Public Works  
Tiffany Sidhom, Administrative Assistant

Additional: Jeff Cormier, Paxton Recreation Commission

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

*The Board will enter into Executive Session later in the meeting.*

**Meeting Minutes**

Motion (RJ) seconded (JM) to accept the meeting minutes from the December 15, 2022 meeting.

**Approval of December 2022 Billings Rendered**

The Board reviewed and signed the December 2022 Billings Rendered.

**Paxton Little League Meter/Bill**

Paxton Little League reached out to (TT) to express their appreciation for the Water Board's flexibility in adjusting their bill to \$3,011.03, and stated that they would pay the adjusted bill in its entirety.

**Recreation Commission Request for Well**

Jeff Cormier from the Paxton Recreation Commission requested permission for Recreation to install a well at Tivnan field for the sole purpose of irrigating the fields. Mr. Cormier stated that this is similar to what is done at Klingele fields. Recreation will pay all costs associated with installing and maintaining the well and the well will become the property and responsibility of the Recreation Commission. The snack shack and bathrooms at Tivnan field will remain supplied

by town water. Motion (RJ) seconded (JM) to grant permission for the Recreation Commission to install a well at Tivnan fields as described.

### **Hydraulic/Hydrologic Study of Asnebumskit Dam**

Fuss & O'Neill has quoted \$7,500 to perform the hydraulic/hydrologic study as recommended in the last inspection of the Asnebumskit Dam. (RJ) asked who owns the dam; (TT) will find out. (JM) would like the Town Administrator to answer why the Water Department needs to pay for the study if it state-mandated; (TT) will again reach out to the Town Administrator about this. (TT) stated that Lenart Consulting Service, Inc. performed the dam inspection and they are the ones who are recommending that the study be done. Motion (JM) seconded (RJ) to hold off on study for now.

### **Director Updates and Reports**

On December 29, 2022, there was a water main break on Alrene Drive; a 5' section of pipe had to be removed.

Another pump at the Pleasant Street pump station is leaking. Brierly Lomard is scheduled to make the repair, which should cost about \$3,500.

### **FY24 Budget**

The Board reviewed a preliminary draft of the FY24 Water budget. (TT) noted that the budget needs to be equal to the FY22 revenue, which totaled \$1,046,865.48. (TT) also noted that his contract has not yet been negotiated, and the Department does not yet have water billing figures from the Paxton Municipal Light Department.

**Motion (JM) seconded (RJ) to leave the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. The Board will return to the regular meeting following Executive Session. Unanimous, all in favor.**

### **Returned to Regular Session at 8:07 p.m.**

Motion (JM) seconded (RJ) to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Unanimous, all in favor.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for February 16, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Sidhom, Administrative Assistant