

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Board of Water Commissioners met in open session on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building, room 201.

Those in attendance were: Water Commissioners Ron Cole (Chairman); Joseph Popielarczyk (Member); Public Works Director David Billips; Assistant Director Francis Cain; ~~Budget Analyst Joanna Williams~~; Recording Secretary Hannah Larkham

The meeting was being recorded by Office Manager Hannah Larkham.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Water Abatement Application: 60 Orchard St**

Property owner Robert Gordon presented to the Board the water abatement application. He purchased the property sight unseen through auction with a \$12,000 water lien. Once he was able to get inside and contact the water department, he found out the water had been leaking for seven months. After two quarters of high consumption, the department was notified of the leak and went and turned the water off. Robert is claiming there is over \$60,000 worth of damages to the property due to the water leak. Robert did make a payment to the lien and the first water leak bill. He is looking to have the remaining bills that fell within the leak abated and removed from the lien. Director Billips informed the Board that he had spoken to the City Solicitor's Office and they stated the Board could suspend their rule to not abate bills from a previous owner. Since the rules and regulations are put forth by the Board, they can do as they please with them. Office manager Hannah Larkham confirmed that a payment was made and all other bills except the ones in question have been paid and are up to date.

Motion was made by Commissioner Popielarczyk to temporarily suspend current practice to water abatements of a value to a prior ownership due to the extreme circumstance of a water leak at 60 Orchard St. Abate bill number 571186 in the amount of \$6,691.36 and bill number 584406 in the amount of \$2,348.76. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion approved.

**Approval of Budgets**

Director Billips presents the projected fiscal year 2020 budgets to the Board for review. The Board and Director Billips discussed both Water & Sewer/Waste Water budgets and the small cuts that were needed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Popielarczyk to approve projected budgets for fiscal year 2020 to the mayor. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion approved.

**Overtime Reports:** the overtime reports were not made available at the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Popielarczyk to approve the minutes as written for February 19, 2019 meeting of the Board of Water Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion approved.

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## Project Updates

The meter project currently has 2,100 meters installed. The contractor has three crews out daily installing 20-25 meters. They hope to add two more crews within the near future.

The concrete floor for Wells 7 & 8 will be poured within the next few weeks. The four carbon vessels are to be delivered in March. The building structure is expected to go up right after. The water to customers is projected sometime mid-summer.

The Department is actively sampling the vessel at Well 2. A sample is pulled about every three weeks once we have received the previous results. The reports have been coming back with non-detect which has been the goal of the Department. Well 2 is the only active well on the North side of Westfield.

The Water Treatment Plant on Dry Bridge is at 60% design.

The turbine production is 400 to 500 KWH daily.

The water level at the reservoir is currently full and is going over the flashboards.

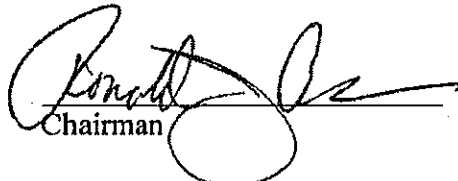
East Mountain Tank Replacement is still at 90% design. Once the Department is confident of the delivery of water from Wells 7 & 8 to customers, the bid will go out for East Mountain. The construction is expected to begin in the fall.

The City has received a grant in the amount of \$396,000.00 for the Tekoa Dam Removal. Once the grant is accepted by the Council, the project construction will go out to bid. It is expected to be completed by next summer.

The next meeting of the Board of Water Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2019

## Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Popielarczyk to adjourn; Motion seconded by Commissioner Cole, Motion approved. ADJOURN: 8:14 P.M.

  
Chairman

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Secretary

  
Member