

**LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 25, 2016**

Chairman Joseph Driscoll called the regular meeting of the Laconia Water Department Board of Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday February 25, 2016 in the conference room at the Water Treatment Facility. Present were Commissioners Joseph Driscoll and Greg Page, Ex-Officio member Public Works Director Paul Moynihan, Superintendent Seth Nuttelman and Clerk Cheryl Hounsell. Absent was Commissioner Dennis Bothamley and Ex-Officio member Councilman Armand Bolduc.

A motion was made by Greg Page seconded by Paul Moynihan to accept the minutes of February 11, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Greg Page, seconded by Paul Moynihan to approve the accounts payables and the financial statement dated February 24, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

HOLMAN STREET-Seth stated that there is nothing new to report.

LAKESIDE AVENUE- Seth stated that he will be meeting with Paul Busby concerning the final pay quantities shortly. Seth stated that he spoke with Paul Moynihan concerning flowable fill to put in the old pipe and temporary asphalt patching and they are in agreement as to how these items will be addressed. Seth stated that the cost for Busby will be approximately \$230,000 and materials will cost approximately \$160,000. Seth needs to write a letter of understanding between the Department and Busby Construction that will be incorporated into the Public Works Department contract with Busby.

BUDGET 2016/2017-Seth stated that he met with the City Manager yesterday to go over our budget that the Board approved and answered questions that Scott had. They also discussed coordination of projects between the Public Works Department and the Water Department.

FLINT MICHIGAN-LEAD-Greg Page stated that there was an article in the Wall Street Journal earlier this week concerning lead pipes and how communities are addressing the issue after what has happened in Flint, Michigan. The article spoke of lead water services. Seth said that we have no lead services in our water system. We do have about 26 iron services in our system out of a total of 6500 services and some of the original iron services may have an 18" lead loop. As we go by iron services on streets we are replacing the water main on if the homeowner is not replacing the iron service we will replace the lead loop with copper tubing. Seth stated of these 26 iron services we have tested 2 of them for lead & copper and the samples came back clean. Seth stated that we use zinc orthophosphate in our water treatment to coat our water pipes and this was not the case in Flint. Joe stated that in an article that he recently read on the lead issue in Flint it was stated that the water rates in Flint are some of the highest in the country at \$864 per year for water.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL ANALYSIS-Seth stated that we should be at 41.67% as of the November statements. The residential & commercial water billing is over 4.0% or \$74,720. Total income is over 2.76% or \$67,000. Total expenses are under 5.85% or \$160,000. When we back out 41.67% of the contingency the net expenses are under \$147,000. When we add the \$67,000 that the income is over, we are to the good by \$214,997.

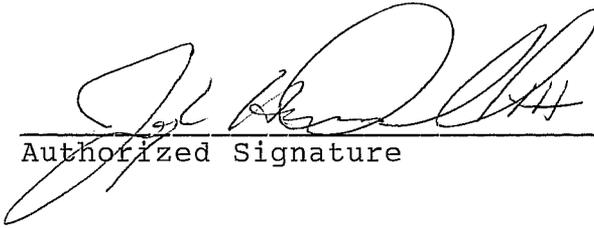
DEPARTMENT UPDATE-Seth stated that we are currently working on the base upgrade by putting in new lights, painting, and putting up shelves in the meter room. We are also painting the men's lunch area. Seth stated that the treatment plant

found that since we put in the new filter bed material there were some issues with losing anthracite during a backwash cycle. This happens during the pump startup with too much air entering the filter beds especially in the winter when the water is denser. The personnel at the treatment plant came up with a solution by releasing the air and water into the waste tank during the backwash cycles. This is working well as the water is then recycled. Seth stated that a Limatorque Technician is coming today to do some valve training with the plant personnel. We have 30 of these valves in our system. In the upcoming budget year we will be purchasing Limatorque software for maintaining and controlling the valves.

No further business, a motion was made by Paul Moynihan, seconded by Greg Page, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

Cheryl Hounsell

Cheryl Hounsell, Clerk



Authorized Signature

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Date