

**LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 12, 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 May 12, 2016 in the conference room at the Water Treatment Facility. Present were Commissioners Joseph Driscoll, Greg Page, and Dennis Bothamley; Ex-Officio members Councilman Armand Bolduc and Public Works Director Paul Moynihan, Superintendent Seth Nuttelman and Clerk Cheryl Hounsell.

A motion was made by Greg Page, seconded by Armand Bolduc, to accept the minutes of April 28, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Greg Page seconded by Armand Bolduc, to approve the accounts payables and the financial statement dated May 11, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

HOLMAN STREET-Seth stated that we are done with the pipe installation for Holman Street. We installed 2000' of pipe, 3 hydrants, and 6 main connections. Holman Street has been pressure tested and chlorinated and we should have the bleeder tubes out and the temporary lines shut down by the end of today. There are about 7,000' of temporary lines that we will need to take down. We should have the final cost numbers for Holman Street at the next commission meeting on May 26th.

LAKESIDE AVENUE- Seth stated that there is a meeting tonight at 7:00 at the Weirs Community Center for input from the public. Seth reviewed the water plan with the board members. Seth stated that we are planning to start the temporary lines on the Monday after Labor Day and it should take about two weeks. The digging for the water portion of the project should take about four weeks and we hope to be out of Lakeside Avenue by October 22nd prior to the Pumpkin Festival. We will have a major tie in at the park and at Tower St. Busby will be doing the water project and we will have an inspector on the job. Seth stated that the new pipe will go in the same channel as the old 6" pipe was located. The current 12" water main will stay active while the water portion of the project is done and once the job is complete we will discontinue the old 12" line. The question was raised as to the funding of the project. Seth stated that we estimate the total cost for the water portion of the project will be about \$450,000 to \$500,000. We have \$200,000 in the capital budget of the 2016/2017 budget. The remainder of the project will be funded by taking money out of savings.

BUDGET 2016/2017-Seth stated that we are scheduled to present our budget on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 6:00.

FLINT MICHIGAN-LEAD- Seth stated that this issue is still in the news. We have completed the testing for lead in the schools in Laconia and found the results to be well below the action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) and mostly undetected. D.E.S. sent out a survey that we have completed. The D.E.S. website has a section on lead and copper sampling. We have determined that we have 3 lead loops on our system and the board discussed how and when to deal with these.

LEAK SURVEY-Seth stated that we signed up for a leak survey using a D.E.S Grant. The survey covered 40 miles out of the 100 miles we have on our system. The survey has been completed and a substantial leak was found on Shore Drive. The leak ran at about 50 GPM or 72,000 gallons per day. Our average day of pumping is 1.5 million gallons so the leak was approximately 5% of our total pumping. Once the repair was made, we saw a reduction of 50-60 GPM in the usage based on our nighttime scada readings. Next year we will have the balance of 60 miles surveyed. Between last year and this year, we have found a total of three leaks on the system.

INSURANCE SAFETY OFFICE (ISO) REPORT- There is nothing new to report.

PFOA-Seth stated that PFOA is a chemical that was used in producing Teflon, etc. This chemical has affected wells in Merrimac. The state has come up with a list of 30 manufacturers who used this chemical throughout New Hampshire. Laconia has three facilities that used this chemical – Amatex, NH Ballbearing, and Smiths Tubular. We have a call into Rick Sharinka of D.E.S. as to how this issue is being handled in Laconia. The Board felt that they would like to see our water supply tested for PFOA.

NEW BUSINESS:

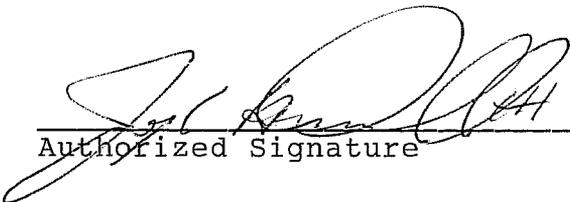
HILLCREST DRIVE-Seth stated that we received a telephone call from Rich Dudas of 243 Hillcrest Drive concerning the settling of the trenches where the stubs for the water services were installed on Hillcrest Drive when the water main was extended to the Gilford Town line at Waterford Place in 2002. The line was extended to the town line so Gilford could extend it out to the airport. The line has not been extended to the airport. Seth stated that the residents are concerned with the condition of the trenches. Paul Moynihan and Seth are discussing options to address this issue. The board members were in agreement that the Water Department would work with Public Works Department to resolve this issue.

PROJECT MANAGER INTERVIEWS-Seth stated that we received about 15 applications for the Project Manager position and he and Paul have interviewed two people and have two more to interview on Friday.

No further business, a motion was made by Armand Bolduc, seconded by Dennis Bothamley, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

Cheryl Hounsell

Cheryl Hounsell, Clerk

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Authorized Signature 5/26/16
Date