

**Minutes
Of
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners
January 23, 2012**

Members in Attendance: Chairman W. Euerle, Vice Chairman M. Stanton, Clerk R. Pacella, Superintendent L. Potter, DPW Director R. Hill, Advisory Member B. Garber, Town Planner Sharon Watson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Euerle.

Town Planner Sharon Watson met with the Board as a follow up to their attendance at a recent Planning Board meeting. The Planning Board would like to make sewer capacity a major component of the Master Plan that they are working on.

She also informed the Board about a program called the Community Preservation Act. This is a state program that creates a dedicated fund for open space, affordable housing and historic preservation. Town Clerk Bob Cutler, Conservation Agent Jane Pierce and the Town Planner started looking into this program for the Memorial Hall building as it needs roof repairs. The rehab of the auditorium at the State Hospital would be a good candidate for this program also. It is funded through a permanent Prop 2 ½ override with matching funds by the state. A committee would be appointed that would not include town employees but any funds used would need to be approved by the Town Manager.

R. Hill informed the Board that the ads have been placed for the Water Superintendent and applications have been coming in. The deadline is February 9th.

A motion to approve invoice #23 for Interim Superintendent Potter in the amount of \$3,000 was approved 3-0.

A motion to approve a contract extension for the Interim Superintendent to March 31, 2012 was approved 3-0.

The CIP budget was reviewed. There are four items to be included, the cleaning of the wells, the painting of the tanks, water system improvements (generators and furnace at Station 1) and wastewater treatment (upgrade of the existing plant and regional design and construction). Funding would come through signage revenue, retained earnings and adjustment to fees.

The Board discussed sewer expansion and the possible option of buying into Taunton versus Mansfield. R. Hill is gathering information to help the Board in making their decision.

The Board of Selectmen questioned whether or not the Board would like to be able to phone or Skype into meetings if they are not physically available. The Board of Selectmen can authorize this. A motion to inform the Board of Selectmen to authorize the phoning in/Skyping in to Board and Committee meetings failed by a 1-2-0 vote.

R. Hill will get some names of firms to perform a rate study to help figure out the costs of buying into a regional plant.

M. Stanton updated the Board on the Route 1 advertizing. Bids should be going out in a few weeks. The Office of Outdoor Advertizing doesn't feel the easement is strong enough.

The Oak Street file sub-bids were due last Thursday. Bob Bell is reviewing them. The General Bids are due on February 9th. They will know if anything is needed at Town Meeting by then. They are dealing with the moths on the site.

The board discussed the consolidation of the DPW staff. M. Stanton stated that they should plan for the future needs of the department in regards to files and electronics. He would like to see a deliberate and professional plan in how a move is done and it should not be considered a temporary move. There are needs in regards to meeting space and the storage of files. Architect renderings of space needs are needed.

R. Hill informed the Board of the work he has been doing on a GIS system that can be shared by the other departments in town.

Both the Water and Highway departments worked on plowing during the recent storm. R. Hill reported that there were no problems.

Meeting dates were set for February 6th and February 21st.

The next IMA meeting is January 30th.

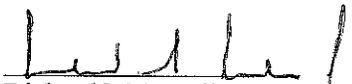
M. Stanton informed the Board that he will be meeting with Charlie Masison about appearing on "Behind the Scenes" cable program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

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These minutes of January 23, 2012 were approved as amended on March 5, 2012.


Richard M. Pacella, Jr., Clerk