

Onset Fire District
Board of Water Commissioners
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Meeting Date: March 11, 2020 @ 5:00PM

Location: 15 Sand Pond Road, Onset, MA

Listing of Topics:

1. Open Meeting (Chair) with Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Frank Kowzic opens the meeting at 5:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present are Ken Fontes Clerk, Ben Hughes Commissioner, All Prudential Committee Members, Mary McCoy Clerk-Treasurer, Melissa Goodell Recording Secretary, Chief Goodwin, Robert Brousseau Moderator, Jovina Dean, Ed Ryan Citizens.

2. Citizen's Participation

There is none

3. Approval of Minutes

Ken Fontes motions to accept the minutes of February 12, 2020. Ben Hughes seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0.

4. Meet with Ed Ryan and Nancy Sawyer to discuss settlement of past due bill for Baker's Island (Nancy Sawyer is not present)

Frank Kowzic states the original agreement was for \$2000.00 each and the new proposal submitted by Ed Ryan is for \$1000.00 each to settle all accounts for the residents of Baker's Island. Frank Kowzic states the original agreement was more than fair and the residents should be held to that.

Ed Ryan states they are looking for some relief from the expenses they have had to incur.

Ken Fontes states the residents of Baker's Island ran up water bills in excess of

\$28,000.00 and is questioning whether or not it is fair to have signed an agreement to settle for \$10,000.00 and then after the work was done to come back with an offer for \$5,000.00.

Ed Ryan states it was leaking water not usage and he feels it is not their responsibility to pay for it.

Ben Hughes feels both parties should honor the original agreement.

Ken Fontes motions to honor the original agreement to pay 2000.00 per household; which may be paid over a 24 month period, beginning March 11, 2020 and to be paid in full by March 11, 2022. Ben Hughes seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0.

6. Clerk-Treasurer's Report which may include Health Insurance, Retirement and Financial topics.

Mary McCoy states she and Marcine Fernandes attended Mayflower Health insurance meeting and were told there will be a 2% increase for health insurance for FY2021. Mary McCoy indicates the budget for the Water Department is level funded for FY2021, but as a reminder when the salaries go up the retirement expenses go up.

Ken Fontes motions to accept the financial report from Mary McCoy. Ben Hughes seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0.

7. Office Manager's Report which may include topics related to the daily operations of the Water Department Office, Field Work and Personnel.

Mary McCoy states March 12, 2020 is the turn off date for past due accounts on water bills. There are 12 accounts scheduled for shut off.

Well 4 is back on-line and working.

84 meters have been installed in the past two and a half weeks. in 2.5 weeks.

There is discussion to cancel the current Water Department website and join the District website in an effort to keep all District business centrally located and to save the District, Fire Department and Water Department from keeping three separate cites while at the same time paying for three separate cites. Ken Fontes motions to cancel the Water Department website. Ben Hughes seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0.

8. Superintendent's Report which may include topics related to the operations of the wells, standpipe, cash flow, meters, water break/leaks and maintenance.

The Water Commissioners would like Mary McCoy to have Acting Superintendent David Rich supply a report for the Water Commissioner's meetings.

9. Items not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

Chairman Kowzic would like to have OSD, LLC give more detail in the invoice and states he would like to reach out to Sean Osborne to request that.

Motion to adjourn by Ben Hughes at 5:58PM. Ken Fontes seconds the motion, vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Goodell Recording Secretary

Water Commissioners:

Frank Kowzic Chairman

Ken Fontes Clerk

Ben Hughes Member

Documents Used: Agenda, Minutes to February 12, 2020, Original Agreement with Baker's Island, New Proposal for Baker's Island