

DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 29, 2019

Present: Chair Jim Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Michael Kubicki, Fire Chief Cahalan, Water Superintendent Benlien, Clerk Cheryl Cachat

Public: Al Nadeau, Richard Olsted, Don Allard

Jim Driscoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

General Business:

- Minutes
 - o Jim Driscoll made a motion to accept the minutes from September 24, 2019 and October 9, 2019 as printed, Camillus Cachat seconded, approved unanimously
- Correspondence
 - o Letter from Attorney Cimini regarding Madelaine & Burlen Baker water overpayment, table to later in meeting
- Berkshire Snow Seeker request for renewal of agreement for use of snowmobile trails
 - o Don Allard verified that the District had received the certificate of insurance
 - o Motion made by Jim Driscoll to approve renewal of agreement, seconded by Cam Cachat, Mike Kubicki abstains, motion passes
 - o Division of Fish & Wildlife had asked about the bridges put into place being permanent or not, they are not
- Public Use of Windsor Reservoir
 - o Jim Driscoll gave an overview of the discussion with Fisheries & Wildlife. They would like the area opened to public use (hiking, fishing)
 - o Bob Benlien question
 - regarding this being a backup water source, will check with DEP & Dam Safety on limitations
 - Liability, signage, if water use is allowed, no one is in favor of watercraft use
 - In favor of low impact fishing and hiking use
 - Will revisit at next meeting
 - o Discussed CR property utilization in Windsor
 - Letters to be sent to (2) homeowners on Main Dalton Road
 - Need to find a contact for the Windsor Rod & Gun area
 - o Check on billing of portable outhouse on property who pays to maintain
 - o Bob made contact with Doug Gove to clarify whether scope of work for the Cady Brook project had changed and it has not, Doug contacted DFW

Ambulance Report:

- No Report

Fire Department:

- 843 calls to date
- Engine 2 has a steering issue to be repaired

- Telephone project is still in the research phase, conference call scheduled for Monday with 1 vendor prior to final decision
- Bay floors, Apron, and interior metal door project is ready to go out to bid, working with Dan Downer from Hill Engineering
- A \$5,000 grant was received from CSX, used for foam and other safety items

Water Department:

- Printed report from Water Superintendent attached to official minutes
- Not Included in written report
 - Service location
 - Fall cleanup in progress
 - Hydrant flags will be installed after Halloween

Treasurer's Report:

- Renewal proposal for Medex supplemental plan received with an overall decrease in premium, a signature for acceptance is necessary
- Timber Sale 47-2 is in process with bid opening November 7th, the Sale #47 was cancelled at last minute due to change in landing area which would affect the bid amounts
- Tax rate classification (Prudential Committee) hearing is set for Monday, November 18 at 6:30pm in the Fire Station
- October residential billing is at 60 % collected to date.
- There are 3 requests for abatements due to overbilling and 21 senior abatement requests.
- Discussion of the abatement request by the Bakers due to overbilling of the water service
 - o Property was a new construction with their records and the District confirming over charge from the start of billing
 - o Two other households which had been overcharged requested abatement, both agreed to one year
 - o All residential accounts have been reviewed and all match Dalton Assessor records at this time
 - o Commissioners agreed to the Bakers request of a full abatement of the overpayment
- Atty. Syd Smithers was contacted for an update on the right of way for the McCluskey property in Hinsdale, he is still researching the property deeds
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Next meeting will be November 26, 2019 at 6:30pm

Jim Driscoll made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm, seconded by Cam Cachat, passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Cachat
Treasurer/Clerk