

DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 19 , 2017

Present: Chair Jim Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Michael Kubicki, Fire Chief Cahalan, Cheryl Cachat
Public: Richard Hall

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 November 28, 2017 as printed, Cam Cachat seconded, approved unanimously
- Correspondence
 - o Cornerstone Energy request for permission to survey
 - Northeast Utilities already has an easement thru the property for high tension lines
 - Company will be surveying in preparation for expansion
 - Form for signature includes a short survey, will have Water Superintendent complete
 - Discussion regarding having Cornerstone schedule access to property with the Water Department personnel, Clerk will request an addendum to agreement stating such
 - Motion made by Jim Driscoll to accept survey request dependent on receipt of addendum, seconded by Mike Kubicki, approved unanimously
- Presentation by Richard Hall from Energy Price Management Group
 - o Explanation of analysis of District electric billing
 - o Organization used supply & distribution total to arrive at estimated savings dollar amount
 - o District would receive the entire credit, keep 15% then return 85% to Energy Price
 - o Amount of Net Meter Credit varies per kWh, calculations used \$.10627
 - o If no credits received, no payment made
 - o Estimate for next year is \$0.12
 - o Timeline for signing is by March 2018
 - o Existing clients Central Berkshire RSD, Town of Dalton, Dalton CRA, Dalton Restaurant
 - o 20 year contract with extension of 5 years, no fluctuation in percentage, with one year opt out clause
 - o Will send a sample contract
 - o To be listed on next month agenda for discussion
- Ambulance Report – No report

Fire Department:

- Update on district utilizing Houston Galveston Area Council (HGHCBuy) for new fire truck
 - o The committee has a sample contract for truck to review
 - o The pricing given last month will hold as the cost was calculated at the 2018 price
 - o To be reviewed at next month meeting
 - o Purchase will be on the annual meeting warrant
- Discussion regarding Association and the ambulance coverage
 - o Only if necessary would District manage the ambulance
 - o Is the ambulance now or close to being a private company operating out of the Fire Station?
 - o Deemed still necessary to approach the town for their support of the service

- Meeting to be set up with monetary request of support to current status and cost for Town to contract services out to private company
- Discussion of county wide problem of lack of EMT personnel for ambulance coverage

Water Department:

- Printed report from Superintendent attached to official minutes

Treasurer's Report:

- Budget preparation for FY19 has started
 - Meeting will be set up with each department head to review budget requests
- An energy audit will be performed at the fire station by Advanced Energy on December 27
- October water billing – 123 accounts outstanding – shut off notices will be posted on homes after New Year

Next regular meeting will be January 23, 2017 at 6:30pm

Jim Driscoll made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm, seconded by Mike Kubicki, passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Cachat
Treasurer/Clerk