

DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 27, 2016

Present: Chair James Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Michael Kubicki, Chief Cahalan, Water Superintendent Benlien, Cheryl Cachat.

Public: Al Nadeau, Michael Cachat

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

General Business:

- Minutes
 - o Motion was made by Jim Driscoll to defer approval of the minutes dated November 29, 2016 as printed to give the Commissioners time to review
- Correspondence
 - o (2) Letters were received from The Office of Dam Safety regarding the spillway adequacy of Windsor and Egypt Dam. The letters require an acknowledgment of receipt to be signed and returned. Bob Benlien is researching the request and will sign and return the necessary documents.
 - o Ambulance – (Given by chief at end of meeting)
 - Plan in place for one EMT on call
 - Start on January 4
- Preliminary 2018 Budget discussion is scheduled for the next meeting in January
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Fire Department:

- o Printed report from Chief attached to official minutes
- o Lower number of calls responded to when compared to last year at this time
- o Chief brought up concern with bay drains, will schedule a camera put through the pipes to see if there are any issues, then clean out if needed. Bob Benlien will also do a reading on the bay floors
- o The department has been awarded \$1,997.50 in matching DCR grant funds. The approved budget has adequate funding for the match.
- o The end of the Safer Grant for firefighter staffing will be in April 2017
 - Chief wants to continue staffing level at 2 firefighters during the day
 - Ambulance Association has agreed in the past that they will pay for one, Chief will confirm that they are still planning on this
 - Jim Driscoll asked for the cost to the district for the balance of FY2017 for one firefighter be calculated and presented at next meeting to look at budget for funding

Water Department:

- o Printed report from Superintendent attached to official minutes.
- o Request for an additional person on staff was made
 - Reviewed duties of summer help
 - Explanation of time utilized daily in water collection
 - Cam Cachat questioned if it would be more beneficial to hire a part time person to do the daily water collection
 - Discussion whether some duties or projects would be better serviced by hiring outside vendors such as mowing

- Commissioners asked about the status of water quality testing in school buildings
 - Bob has tested at St. Agnes and Central Berkshire hired a vendor to test
 - All passed testing

Treasurer's Report:

- Discussion regarding the PILOT payment for the Hinsdale District property
 - District is unable to file an abatement for this type of tax
 - A message has been sent to DOR legal for legal opinion on procedure to follow
 - Clerk will contact district attorney for legal guidance

Old Business:

- An exploratory committee has been formed by Mike Cachat to research ideas for the future of the fire station as was discussed at the October 2016 meeting
 - February 7, 2017 will be first meeting
 - Committee members Mike Cachat, Dan Downer, Chad Scovil, Cam Cachat

The next meeting will be January 24, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Dalton Fire Station.

Jim Driscoll made a motion to adjourn at 7:15, Mike Kubicki seconded, passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Cachat
Treasurer/Clerk