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## **DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**July 29, 2025**

Present: James Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Melanie Roucoulet, Water Superintendent Bob Benlien, Tom Murray, Dan Filiault, Dennis Croughwell, Charlotte Crane, Chris Cachat

Public: Sabrina Damn-iberkshires, Tony Pagliarulo, Rob – Dalton TV

James Driscoll called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

### **General Business:**

- James Driscoll made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 24, 2025, meetings as printed, Cam Cachat seconded, approved unanimously.
- Tony Pagliarulo attended on behalf of the Select Board, a few weeks ago the Town manager and a few Select Board members went to the Mayor of Pittsfield regarding the possibility of sewer rates going up, possibly doubled. Pagliarulo would like the Select Board and Water Commissioners to sit together and try to come up with a solution, with possibility of going to meters for water.

### **Ambulance/Fire:**

- Annual calls/Incidents - The fire department responded to just over 1200 calls in FY25, 75% of the calls were EMS calls.
- James Driscoll made a motion to accept the SOP's as written by Charlotte Crane, Cam seconded, passed unanimously.
- Crane wanted to take a quick moment to look over some short-term goals for the next year/5 year plans and 10 year plans, specifically the review and renovations of the Fire Station to add some more bunk rooms, become ADA compliant and restructure. Cam Cachat suggests to start looking into this in the fall.
- Crane would like to Thank Ambulance director Morgan McDonough for putting on community CPR trainings, The next training will be August 30<sup>th</sup>. It has been advertised on our facebook page and will soon be on our website.

### **Water Department:**

- We ran a new water line to 440 North St.
- A couple months ago we repaired the curb box at 235 North St. The homeowner called and stated that they had low water pressure. We checked and it turned out that he had a volume

issue. The homeowner called in a contractor and replaced the water line going into the house. It turned out that it was a section of galvanized pipe under the foundation causing the problem

- We delivered the shut off notices.
- There was a tree that had fallen and was hung up hanging over the North St pump house. We called in a contractor to remove the tree and clear the trees away from the building.
- We installed new batteries in the UPSs (uninterrupted power supply) in all the PLCs. (programmable logic computer)
- The Scada Tech from Tighe & Bond Came in and worked on our SCADA system.
- Ryan has been working with T&B Developing the electronic forms for all our stations.
- Last month we located and marked out 45 Dig Safes.
- Ryan borrowed the Boom Mower from the Highway Department and has been cutting back the brush on Reservoir Rd. and the back road to Windsor Dam.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Over 200 shut off notices were sent out last week with the water department, and payments have been coming in. We have around \$49,000 still due for water.
- I have been working with the new accounting software.
- Looking into having payroll outsourced, waiting for quotes.
- Miia has a wellness grant that just opened for gym equipment, healthy snacks, water coolers, ect. We received gym equipment last year for the grant and I think we should take advantage of the opportunity.
- Roucoulet would like to put a committee together to go through the handbook and make changes. Driscoll would like the treasurer, a water commissioner, fire dept employee and water superintendent to be on the committee.
- USDA Audit was received, will be starting that soon,
- FY25 Balancing will be starting soon.

### **Other Business:**

- Driscoll has been speaking with Eversource to have them do some work under their powerlines, this is just in the planning stages right now. A few meetings will be planned with eversource soon.
- Driscoll welcomed Dennis Croughwell to the Prudential Committee and also Thank Dickie Olsted for all of his years serving as a prudential committee member.
- James Driscoll made a motion to appoint Melanie Roucoulet as District Treasurer, Cam seconded, passed unanimously.
- James Driscoll made a motion to appoint Melanie Roucoulet as District Clerk , Cam seconded, passed unanimously.

James Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm seconded by Cam Cachat, passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be August 26 , 2025 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie Roucoulet  
Treasurer/Clerk

