

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

Thursday, February 15, 2007

450 CHILD STREET, WARREN OFFICE, BOARD ROOM, WARREN, RI

Pursuant to proper notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Anger at 6:45 pm, in the Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street, Warren Rhode Island. Executive Director Pasquale DeLise, and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

Bert Anger, William Gosselin, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, Ian Morrison, Joseph Rego, John Saviano, John Veader

Director Absent – Frank Sylvia

Chairman Anger - Having served on the BCWA's Board of Directors for 9 years the Barrington Town Council decided to terminate me. I wanted to continue to work for one more term. I had a good 9 years and I am pleased and honored to have been Chairman. Director John Jannitto will do a good job as Acting Chairman and Director John Saviano will be Secretary.

Director Jannitto introduced the newly appointed Warren Director Mr. William Gosselin. Mr. Gosselin will replace Mr. William Lavey.

HOUSEKEEPING

Minutes of the following meeting were reviewed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2007, be approved.

Motion 7 – 1, Director Klepper abstained.

AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Old Business, Director Rego reported:

- 1. Status of Water Resources Board Grant Requests, Requisition submitted to RIWRB for \$21,000 was unanimously approved by RIWRB on 1/30/07 (New Shad Pipeline Engineering).**

New Business

- 1. Added Item: Water Pressure Workshop, Bristol 2/7/07, this item will be put back on the Engineering Report for March Meetings. In view of these recent developments with the Town of Bristol related to low water pressure in certain areas of Bristol (and Warren), Committee discussed the borrowing of \$5 Million instead of \$4.6 Million and**

consequently 3% rate increase for 6 consecutive years instead of 5. The additional money will enable BCWA to do a Hydraulic Model of the system and to evaluate the matter and/or implement some remedial action.

Director Saviano stated that Bristol currently has no paving agreement with BCWA. Bristol could get additional money for water mains if it eliminated curb-to-curb paving requirements.

Director Klepper stated that he is comfortable with \$5 Million, BCWA might want to do more work after doing the hydraulic study. The extra money would be spent in the future as necessary.

Director Rego made the following motion

MOTION: To increase water rates by 3% each year for 6 years, commencing March 1, 2007 and ending March 1, 2012.

Director Saviano seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7-1, Director Veader voted Nay.

Director Jannitto made the following motion

MOTION: To increase Senior Citizens Discount in accordance with the 3% rate increases.

Director Klepper seconded the motion.

Motion failed, Aye 1, Nay 5, Abstaining 2. Voting Aye Director Jannitto, Nay Directors Klepper, Morrison, Saviano, Gosselin and Veader, Abstaining Chairman Anger and Director Rego.

Senior Citizens Discount rate will be frozen for 6 years.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Director Veader reported:

New Business

1. RI State Science Fair, Science Fair to be held at Community College of RI on Saturday, March 17, 2007. Judging will be held from 11:30 am – 3:00 pm.

Directors Morrison and Gosselin will be judging the Science Fair for the BCWA.

2. Employment Retirement Notice, Mike Munroe will be retiring in May.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

Director Klepper reported:

Old Business

1. East Providence Matters, CDM-East Providence-BCWA Agreement,

Staff recommends to approve at a price of \$30,000. Committee recommends approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve joint agreement between BCWA, East Providence and Camp Dresser & McKee at a price of \$30,000, as presented.

New Business

1. Mr. Jack Baillaregeron of Bristol to Address Committee, Mr. Baillaregeron stated that he has had low pressure for the last five years or so while prior to that he had adequate pressure by the use of a booster pump. He stated that many customers in the area have low pressure and requested BCWA to rectify problem. He noted he is paying like everybody else but getting substandard service.

2. Annual Maintenance Contract Award, Staff recommends to award low bidder, Lannan Trucking, Inc. of Bristol at a price of \$161,199. Committee recommends approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: Committee recommends to award low bidder, Lannan Trucking, Inc. of Bristol at a price of \$161,199, as presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was self-explanatory.

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Public Relations/Personnel Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 6, 2007, 5:15 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 2. Engineering Committee Meeting, Thursday, March 8, 2007, 5:15 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 3. Audit Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 6, 2007, 5:45 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 4. Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, March 14, 2007, 6:00 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

John P. Saviano

BCWA Assistant Secretary