

LINCOLN WATER COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 11, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Water Commissioner was held on April 11, 2007 at the Lincoln Water Commission Office with Commissioners Kelly, Smith, Kay, Conklin and Hadley present. Also present was Water Superintendent John S. Faile.

Chairman Raymond Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. APPROVED.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: That the Superintendent's Report for the month of March is accepted and ordered placed on file. APPROVED.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Upon motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To accept the Financial Report for the month of March and ordered placed on file for audit. APPROVED.

CREDIT REPORT

The Credit Report for the month of March will be placed on file.

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

The Board was presented with the monthly statement of investments, encumbrances, and amounts available for capital projects for their information.

MONTHLY INVOICES

Upon motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hadley Accounts Payable in the amount of \$158,871.25 and Direct Payments in the amount of \$170,811.95 are approved for payment.

APPROVED

ABATEMENTS

Upon motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Kay, abatements in the amount of \$1,481.95 were approved as follows:-\$16.88 to Vincent Carpenito of 222 Old River Road, \$34.06 to Rachel Lariviere of 77 Main Street, \$10.06 to Claire Raymond of 9 Laporte Avenue, \$28.89 to Joseph Azar of 37 Cobble Hill Road, \$8.15 to Rodney Scott of 64 Ash Street, \$42.94 to M. Taghi Rajabiun of 27 Kennedy Boulevard, \$1.77 to Suzanne Silva of 228 Railroad Street, \$5.31 to Lucien Gendron 273 School Street, \$16.85 to Ronald McKenna of 11 Blue Mist Drive, \$84.25 to Nancy Smith of 211 Old River Road, \$5.16 to Maurice Hamel of 187 Old River Road, \$9.33 to Garen Walker of 4 Meader Street for senior abatements of surcharges; \$812.20 to Lincoln Corporate Center and \$406.10 to Keefe Funeral Home for abatement of fire line fees until the fires lines

are activated at which time the fee will be prorated. **APPROVED.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Smith read an excerpt from the agenda of the April 2, 2007 meeting of the Rhode Island Water Resources Board requesting payment to the Lincoln Water Commission in the amount of \$113,140.59 as part of the WRB interconnection program which was completed on Railroad Street Manville.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, the request for the supply of water to a 42 unit condominium development on

New River Road plat 34 lot 25 Manville is approved. The project requires one service and one master meter. **APPROVED.**

The Board will respond to the Memorial Day Parade Committee that Commissioners will participate.

The Board received correspondence from Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust informing them of no change in the Trust's Group Term Life Insurance rates for policy year commencing July 1, 2007.

Correspondence was received from Blue Cross Blue Shield of a 5.8% renewal rate adjustment.

The Providence Water Supply Board informed the Board of a \$12.00 or 1% increase over the existing volume rate of \$1,236.00 to \$1,248.00. However, the implementation of a “service charge” will be added to each wholesale customer’s bill. This is a 25% increase. This proposed filing is subject to PUC review and public hearings. Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Hadley it was VOTED: To send a letter to the Providence Water Supply Board stating that while the Board supports the need for the increase, the Board would like consideration to be given to spreading the increase over several years. APPROVED.

The Board received a copy of a letter from the Superintendent to the USEPA confirming that Well #4 is removed from active status.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To consider a rebate in the range of \$200.00 to owner-occupied residents who install weather based irrigation controllers on existing lawn sprinkler systems. A policy will be discussed and implemented.

A formal dead end main policy will be further investigated.

For Revenue stabilization and for less impact on the customer bills will be mailed out every six months. The first bill will include an estimate based on one-half of the previous average of three years of

consumption and the second six month bill will be based on actual consumption.

Upon motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was

VOTED: That Merithew Inc. provide inspection services with respect to the Manville Standpipe Project for an amount not to exceed \$14,300.00.

Upon motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Conklin it was VOTED: That request for payment to Chicago Bridge and Iron in the amount of \$171,000.00 be approved and sent to the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Committee for payment.

APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board empowered the Superintendent to pursue negotiations with the City of Pawtucket for an emergency interconnection. Not only will such an interconnection benefit both communities, 50% matching funds are available from the State.

The Board further empowered the Superintendent to draft and have reviewed legally, a mutual aid agreement between Pawtucket, Cumberland and Lincoln.

The Superintendent informed the Board that he has been contacted by various firms requesting the placement of antennas on water tanks. The Board told the Superintendent to allow the companies to pursue the possibility.

The Annual Report of the Lincoln Water Commission was available for review by the Board.

The Charter Review Committee will continue work sessions. A date will be set for the next meeting.

No safety report was available for the April meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To adjourn at 7:05 PM. APPROVED.