

# **LINCOLN WATER COMMISSIONERS**

**November 12, 2008**

**The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners was held at the Lincoln Water Commission Office with Commissioners Smith, Conklin, Kay, Pichette and Hadley present. Also present was Water Superintendent John S. Faile.**

**Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 5:32PM.**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Kay, 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 October is accepted and ordered placed on file. APPROVED.**

## **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: To accept the Financial Report for the month of October and ordered placed on file for audit. APPROVED.**

## **CREDIT REPORT**

**The Credit Report for the month of October 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 Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Kay, Accounts Payable in the amount of \$233,460.13 and Direct Payments in the amount of \$113,940.17 are approved for payment.**

**APPROVED**

## **ABATEMENTS**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Kay, senior abatements of surcharges in the amount of \$351.31 were approved as follows:-**

**Lionel Connell of 87 Boulevard Avenue \$ 4.06**

**Timothy Cartwright of 8 Brownhill Court \$10.88**

**Robert Ferioli of 6 Comstock Avenue \$25.82**

**Mrs. Philip Gagnon of 1353 Lonsdale Avenue \$ 8.69**

**Royal J. Langley of 34 Williams Street \$ 9.93**

**Frances A. Latimer of 71 Boulevard Avenue \$ 2.31**

**Giles Mayer of 85 Woodland Street \$33.32**

**Atanas Salem of 94 Parker Street \$11.96**

**Elaine Iannucci of 69 Carriage Drive \$ 9.21**

**Philip Justin of 4 Preserved Arnold Court \$11.69**  
**Manuel Menezes of 1065 Smithfield Avenue \$ 9.15**  
**Norman Partington of 380 Front Street \$ 4.62**  
**Mrs. Joseph Ryan of 5-7 Cabot Street \$13.05**  
**Norman Belisle of 12 Carriage Drive \$17.12**  
**Elena Camparone of 5 Beauregard Avenue \$ 9.95**  
**Angelina D'Alfonso of 404 Great Road \$ 5.70**  
**Eckman Family Trust of 17 Cass Avenue \$17.94**  
**Eleanor Hanson of 16-18 Walker Avenue \$14.87**  
**Eugene Weber of 23 Cormier Road \$11.69**  
**Alyce Gorman of 25 Lakeview Avenue \$ 8.15**  
**Theresa Hallas of 15 Carriage Drive \$32.35**  
**Robert Phaneuf of 75 Rockridge Road \$28.27**  
**Ronald Pearson of 19 Williams Street \$26.64**  
**Jan Smolan of 17 Kilburn Avenue \$ 9.24**  
**Bella Gardner of 76-78 Tucker Street \$ 7.62 and**  
**Wallace Perry of 3 Bellevue Avenue \$ 7.07**

**APPROVED.**

## **ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

**The Account Adjustment report will be placed on file.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) After lengthy discussion, communication for t-Mobil will be placed on file.**

**b) A letter from Mr. Bruce Ogni of 9 Nottingham Drive was read by**

**Secretary Kay. Mr. Ogni stated that during construction while flushing the pipes in his basement, there was a load of laundry in the washer.**

**According to Mr. Ogni, the laundry was ruined and the iron out given to him by Water Commission Personnel did not clean the damaged**

**clothing. He provided a list of what was damaged and upon motion of**

**Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, Mr. Ogni will**

**be asked to bring in the damaged clothing, and upon inspection, will**

**ask Mr. Ogni to sign a release and will offer reimbursement up to a**

**maximum of \$100.00 for the clothing. APPROVED.**

**c) A break down of Health Care costs as part of the new consortium was presented to the board for review, showing a savings of \$1,503.00 for the quarter.**

**d) Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Kay,**

**Updates to the current rate schedule were approved as follows:**

**Bounced check fee \$25.00 fee for the first bounced check  
\$50.00 fee for repeat offenses within a year.**

**Excessive water use survey First call is free  
\$100.00 if requested again  
within 5 years**

**APPROVED.**

**e) Letters from Mr. Paul Prachniak and Mr. Kevin Hart praising the crew and supervisors for professionalism and cordiality during a main break at Earl and Webster Streets were presented to the Board and will be placed in each participant's folder.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**a) Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Kay, a revised 2008-2009 Revenue and Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,018,365.00 is approved. APPROVED.**

**b) Communication relative to curb to curb paving was discussed by the board. The Lincoln Water Commission is still in the construction phase and making only temporary repairs. No permanent paving has been scheduled yet because the temporary patch must go through the seasons to settle.**

**c) The Superintendent met with the Attorney of the Town of Smithfield to discuss the \$20,520.00 tax bill received for the water tank built in Smithfield. Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To obtain legal advice, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, of the process to get state legislation passed making the Lincoln Water Commission tax exempt with the Town of Smithfield. APPROVED.**

**The Water Commission will schedule a meeting with the Smithfield Town**

**Council to inform the members of the change in tax status.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**a) The Office Policy for fiscal year 2008-2009 was executed by the Board.**

**b) Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, the 1999 walk behind clipper saw model # C-119-196 serial # 00495 is declared surplus property, and can be disposed of by the Superintendent. APPROVED**

**c) Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, the Board will form a claims committee consisting of the Commissioner representing the District from which the claim is filed and one other commissioner alternatively. APPROVED**

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) The Charter Review Subcommittee reported no progress.**

**b) The Labor negotiations Subcommittee reported no progress.**

**c) There was no monthly safety meeting in October.**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, payment of Invoice #6 for cleaning and lining of water main in the amount of \$69,960.00 is approved for payment. APPROVED.**

**The superintendent showed the Board a site plan from the Blackstone River Watershed Project for a proposed canoe and kayak recreational area at the Manville well field.**

**Following discussion of changes taking place at the Rhode Island Water Resources Board and the request by members of same to allow a six month extension for the acceptance of the Lincoln Water Commissioner Water Supply Management Plan a motion was made by Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Kay to inform the member of the Water Resources Board that the past performance of the Lincoln Water Commission with the State has always been impeccable and the Board does not believe they have the legal right to grant an extension to the Water Resources Board. APPROVED.**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, Fees associated with the termination notice given to the Jacobs Family Trust on Old River Road will be abated if the water service is promptly repaired. APPROVED**

**A request for a COLA to the Commissioners' honorarium was discussed and tabled.**

**The Commissioners will invite the office staff and crew to a holiday lunch at a time and place to be determined.**

**The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 17th at 4:15 PM followed by a holiday gathering at 5:30 PM.**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner**

**Pichette, it was VOTED: To adjourn to executive session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-5a (1) – 9 to discuss personnel matters and legal contract negotiations at 7:50 PM.**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To seal the minutes of the closed session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-7c.**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To return to the regularly scheduled meeting.**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To adjourn at 8:25 PM. APPROVED**