

LINCOLN WATER COMMISSION

JULY 14, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners was held at the Lincoln Water Commission Office with Commissioners Smith, Kay, Hadley, Conklin and Pichette present. Also present was Water Superintendent John S. Faile. Water Commission candidate Rene Lapierre and Edward and Laurie Salum of 26 Earl Street were also in attendance. Due to the fact that Chairman Smith was running late from weather related traffic, it was VOTED that Commissioner Conklin act as Chairman until Chairman Smith arrived.

Acting Chairman Conklin called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED: To amend the agenda by moving Item 9A first to allow Mr. Salum to address the Board. Mr. Salum called attention to historic water readings at his residence and wished to protest billing of 240,000 gallons of water in the 2009 billing. After much discussion and a reading brought to the meeting by Mr. Salum, it was determined that the water did go through the meter and the average usage over the last five years is 80,000 gallons per year. The 2009 reading was the first actual reading in a few years therefore majority of usage was billed in the 2009 assessment as a catch up. Mr. Salum agreed to enter a payment agreement and upon motion of Commissioner

Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED: To abate \$155.58 in interest and termination fees. APPROVED

Chairman Smith arrived at the meeting during the discussion.

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

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Hadley the June 2010 financial report is accepted and will be placed on file for audit. APPROVED

OUTSTANDING BALANCE REPORT

The outstanding balance report for the month of June will be placed on file.

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

The June 2010 statement of investments, encumbrances, and amounts available for capital projects was presented to the Board.

MONTHLY INVOICES

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, Accounts Payable in the amount of \$227,894.04, and Direct Payments in the amount of \$261,908.57 are approved for payment.

APPROVED

ABATEMENTS

There were no abatements to be brought before the Board at the June, 2010 meeting.

ACCOUNT TRANSACTION LIST

The monthly report of account adjustments and transactions will be placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE

a)This item was addressed at the beginning of the meeting.

b)Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, the annual contribution to the Superintendent's Pension in the amount of \$8,912.26 was approved for payment. APPROVED.

c)A public hearing will be advertised to take place at 5:00pm on August 11, 2010, ½ hour prior to the regular monthly meeting for the presentation of an increase in water rates

d)Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED: To contract with "Storage America" on Higginson Avenue for one year for storage of file cabinets. The contract will be reviewed again next July. APPROVED.

e) Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To approve payment to Hinkley, Allen, and Snyder for professional services in the amount of \$5,000.00 through the loan process, and to forward the request to the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency for processing. APPROVED.

f) The TOPPS dividend from Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust will be applied to the 2010-2011 invoices in the amount of \$3027.00.

g) Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To contract with New England in Touch, an answering service that offers a 24 hour answering service, for a one year trial. This service will be used on off hours and week ends and relieves the Lincoln Police Department dispatcher from this work. APPROVED.

h) Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, interest in the amount of \$261.70 was abated at the LME Trailer Park due to the new ownerships payment in full of outstanding amounts. APPROVED.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: To adopt the presented revenue budget subject to change following the August meeting in the amount of \$3,416,565.00 APPROVED

b) Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner

Conklin, Dew Con invoice #4 in the amount of \$136,980.00 is approved for payment by Rhode Island Clean Water Finance

c)Further discussion with the Lonsdale Fire District regarding the dry hydrant project will take place at a later date.

d) An update of the progress of the Cumberland Lincoln emergency connector will take place at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHARTER COMMITTEE

A public hearing took place on Monday, July 11, 2010 at Lincoln Town Hall.

LABOR SUBCOMMITTEE

Nothing to report

SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

CLAIMS COMMITTEE

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 legal and contract

negotiations matters at 7:57PM

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: to return to the regular meeting.

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: To adjourn at 8:20PM. APPROVED