

February 20, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Water District was held at the office of the Auburn Water District, 268 Court Street, on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 4:00pm.

Members present: Dan Bilodeau, Robert Cavanagh, Preston Chapman, K. C. Geiger (President), Mary Sylvester and Andy Titus. Also present: Sid Hazelton, Superintendent, Mike Broadbent, Assistant Superintendent and Greg Leighton of Maine Water Company (Finance Manager).  
Excused absence: Tizz Crowley

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of January 16, 2019 –**

On motion of Preston Chapman, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was voted: **To unanimously accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE –** The 2019 budget is projected on a month to month basis. Cash on hand is currently at \$852,000.

**RATIFY THE PAYMENT OF BILLS –**

On motion of Bob Cavanagh, seconded by Preston Chapman it was unanimously voted: **To ratify the payment of bills in the amount of \$200,826.32 as shown on the printout dated January 1, 2019 – January 31, 2019.**

**OPEN SESSION –** Dan Bilodeau is researching algae blooms and asked if Lake Auburn has data from the deep hole. He mentioned that Syracuse, New York has an unfiltered water source.

**ACTIVITY REPORT –** The recent cold snap did cause some frozen services and meters.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**WATER QUALITY UPDATE –** Water quality is very good, which is typical for this time of year. Superintendent Hazelton gave an informational presentation on polyfluoroalkyl/perfluorooctanoic acid, PFAS/PFOA, which is currently getting a lot of media attention. The EPA has set health advisory limits on PFAS/PFOA levels in drinking water, however, they have not set regulatory limits.

The Watershed Manager is completing the application for the alum treatment which we plan to do during the summer of 2019.

**PROJECT UPDATE –** This upcoming summer the Poland Road will be 7,000 feet of main replacement. Looking into the opportunity of pipe bursting where there are few services, which will help reduce cost and speed up the project. Other buried infrastructure is very close to the water main in spots which will create a tedious work environment

The City has put out a bid to build Fifth Street, which included water main replacement. Longchamps was awarded the City bid.

On motion of Preston Chapman, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To award Longchamps the water main replacement on Fifth Street.**

**Agriculture Zone Committee-**The Mayor's Agriculture Zone Ad Hoc Action Group will be presenting the results of their report to the to the City Council on 2/25/19. Superintendent Hazelton will prepare comments affecting the Watershed.

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**Taylor Pond Resource Protection-**The Auburn City Council reviewed and denied a resource protection zone amendment that was submitted by the Taylor Pond Group.

**Purchase of Fleet Vehicles-**Bids went out for the 3 vehicles in the 2019 budget. Quirk was low bidder on two and Emerson one.

On motion of Mary Sylvester, seconded by Dan Bilodeau it was unanimously voted: **To award Quirk and Emerson the vehicle bid**, as presented.

**Purchase of Push Camera-**Bids came in under budget and we have chosen the Utilitronics device. No vote was needed as this purchase was approved in the 2019 Budget.

**Cell Phone Plans-** Mike Broadbent is researching options with cell phone carriers. Verizon and U.S. Cellular are the only two providers with coverage in our employees' areas.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Employee Benefits Committee-** The committee has reconvened with the main topic currently being the 'opt out' for employee health insurance. Meetings will be held the third Thursday of every month

On motion of Dan Bilodeau, seconded by Mary Sylvester it was unanimously voted: **To adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Johnson

Approved: March 20, 2019

A true record:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk