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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Water Operations Committee

Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 5:30 PM
Coles Road Firehouse
105 Coles Road
Cromwell, CT

Present: Commissioners Robert McIntyre (Chairman), Charles Epstein and Donald Smith serving as an ex-officio member as Vice President in the absence of the President. Commissioners Mertie Terry and Steve Wygonowski were absent. Also attending were Executive Director Roger Hart and Water Operations Manager Joseph Palmieri.

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM, by Chairman McIntyre.
- II. Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Epstein, seconded by Commissioner Smith and unanimously approved to accept the agenda as submitted.
- III. Public Comment. There were no public comments to report.
- IV. New Business. Mr. Palmieri prepared a written report that was distributed to committee members. A copy is attached to the minutes on file in the Fire District Office. He gave an overview of the report explaining budget preparation and the status of projects.
 - A. 2024 – 2025 Water Division Budget. Mr. Palmieri's report had a list of Capital items. He went through the list and explained each item. They were: Vacuum/Valve Exerciser/Vacuum Excavation trailer; Treatment Feasibility study; replacement truck Ford F350 Utility body; Chlorine pumps; generator installations; VM 8-10 Pipe Locator; Water Garage site lighting; battery powered demolition saws; SCADA and door access/camera systems.

The vacuum/valve exerciser/vacuum excavation trailer is the most expensive thing of the capital items. Mr. Palmieri will get more information and literature about the excavation equipment for the committee. The price is \$113,000.

Mr. Palmieri discussed the treatment feasibility study with Environmental Partners. It was discussed last year and was made a priority for this year's budget. This will identify the need for a filtration plant. The price of the study is \$61,600.

Regarding the replacement truck, the 2005 Ford Ranger is very worn out. It would need replacement before the Dodge 4500. The cost for replacement is \$72,000.

The cost of the chlorine pumps and materials is \$7,500.

Generator installations are required at Sovereign Ridge and Evergreen Adult per DPH. The cost is \$30,000 each. Mr. Palmieri will provide specs for them.

The pipe locator cost is \$4,100.

The water garage site lighting is \$44,600. This is a health & safety issue.

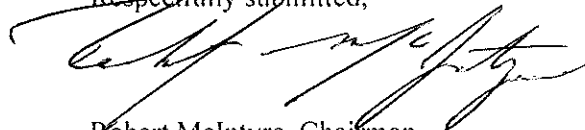
Mr. Palmieri discussed the battery powered demolition saws. He borrowed a couple from the Town to do some work recently. They are much easier to use than gas powered and no fumes. The saws were \$5,500 for two.

- B. Consumer Confidence Report. Mr. Palmieri has been working on this for a few days. He plans to distribute it as early as he can. He will review it with DPH before it goes out to make sure information is accurate.
- C. PFAS. All the findings are reported in the Consumer Confidence Report. He will also be posting the findings on the District's website.
- D. Service Line Inventory. The Water Dept. is working on this daily. The project is time consuming because the whole Town of Cromwell has to be covered. They are making progress.

There was a discussion about vehicles and equipment in the Water Department. Other than replacing old vehicles and items, there are no issues. Everything is running well.

- V. Commissioners' Comments. Mr. Palmieri offered to give a tour to any of the Commissioners interested of the wells and the Water Dept. property where Chemfeed is located, etc.
- VI. Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Epstein and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert McIntyre, Chairman

Nancy Deegan
Recording Secretary