

Regular Meeting held in the Champlain Water District Conference Room at Noon.

### **Present**

Commissioners: Bob Shand, Jericho, chaired the meeting; Aaron Martin, Essex; Jonathan Stockbridge, Winooski; Liz Royer, Williston; Peter Gadue, Shelburne; Dennis Lutz, South Burlington; Employees: Jim Fay, Joe Duncan, and Tracy Bessette

### **Absent**

Karen Richard, Colchester

Bob Shand called the meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.

### **Citizens to Be Heard**

There were no citizens present.

### **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes December 11, 2018 & Special Meetings of December 4, 2018 & December 18, 2018**

Bob Shand asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 11, 2018 and the Special Meetings of December 4, 2018, and December 18, 2018. Roger Hunt made a motion to approve all minutes, seconded by Peter Gadue, with all Board members in favor.

### **Quarterly Financial/Operations Report**

Mr. Fay said that water sales for the month of December were 9.09 mgd, bringing fiscal year to date to 9.93 mgd, as compared to last year at this time of 9.65 mgd. For the month of December, Global Foundries averaged 3.28 mgd, bringing their fiscal year to date to 3.46 mgd, as compared to last year at this time of 3.45 mgd. Overall year to date total sales for the first six months of the fiscal year are up 0.28 mgd or 2.90%, as compared to last year at this time, with Global Foundries up 0.01 mgd from last year. The December cost per million gallons was \$1,924.31, bringing year to date to \$1,883.26/MG, versus last year at this time of \$1,869.80/MG.

On the Retail side, the Retail Contract Management budget is tracking well and comparable to last fiscal year at this time, and the MBWC/CT expense side of the budget is running a surplus compared to last fiscal year. The Retail managed South Burlington Water Department budget is also looking strong at the half way point on the fiscal year.

Mr. Fay said John Tymecki, Julie and the crew are doing a great job with the South Burlington Water, with everything looking very strong in that department. Mr. Fay said that he and John attended the South Burlington City Council on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> and the Council had very positive things to say about the water department management, and CWD overall.

### **Capital Projects Update.**

Joe Duncan summarized the following projects:

**Treatment Facility Primary Electrical Redundancy** – On Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup> Schneider Electric will be onsite to complete the operational and reliability testing on the two new breakers, this will result in a plant slowdown as some pumps will be off line for testing.

**Twin Filtered Water Tank/Wet Well Expansion** – We will be working with SDI on minor warranty items including some ground level slab weeps. Both easterly gates are in place and the boulders have been placed along the road on the northern edge of the parcel. We plan to install all plantings in the spring 2019. We submitted our final DWSRF

reimbursement request last August. The one-year warranty period will end in August 2019 and we would expect our first bond payment to be in the fall of 2020 given the additional one-year grace period.

**Filtered Water Effluent Pumping System** – We have ordered the pumps and SDI will be onsite in February to begin the installation, with the pumps arriving the first week of March. Total installation should be completed in April.

**Williston North Tank** – All final invoices have been submitted to the State for the final SRF reimbursement. The project came under the total bond authorization by \$230,000, and CWD's portion by \$25,000.

**Suez/Utility Service Co. Rebuilding of Filter #6** – We just received the final change order invoice from Suez relating to the extra work due to the trapped media in the filter's underdrain system. Our "partial channel" underdrain removal and cleaning approach saved us nearly \$70,000 versus full underdrain replacement.

**Pipe Integrity Program (PIP)** – Staff will be meeting with DEC and the Health Department on January 29<sup>th</sup> to talk about the use of helium for leak detection. The concept is that it is injected into the active pipeline under pressure it can go about 5 miles, and stays in the main for five days at a cost of \$15,000 for 5 miles. At this point we are doing our due diligence and homework with the help of the Health Department and DEC, as this could be a long-term strategy to look for leaks in our mains, as the "leak before break" approach is our goal.

**Winooski I-89 Pipeline Tunnel Status** – We have received the design concepts for this project and are reviewing at this time.

**Essex West Tank Pump Station** – A&E is completing the survey work and we hope to be talking with the landowner within the next couple months, and a goal of construction in 2020.

**Twin Filtered Water Tank** – There is a small leak on the Aquastore tank about 15' up, and we have contacted Aquastore about doing an inspection.

### Manager's Report

#### Proposed FY 2019-2020 Annual Budget

The public informational meeting is on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Fay said he has not received any negative comments on our proposed budget.

#### High-Service Cross-Tie Project

Mr. Fay said that it looks as if this project will end up approximately \$10,000 over the previously approved bond authorization. Mr. Fay reminded the Board that in past discussions with Paul Giuliani, \$75,000 is the maximum dollar amount above the publicly approved bond that can be drawn upon without going back to the voters. Mr. Fay said that the options could be to simply take the \$10,000 overage, or also include the \$22,245 for the relocation of the 8" line on Farrell Street, or the full \$75,000 in anticipation of issues with the upcoming State of Vermont Double Diamond Project at Exit 16. Mr. Fay said he is looking for guidance from the Board on this item. Dennis Lutz said that he did not feel that CWD should go for the full \$75,000 at this time. Following Board discussion, Dennis Lutz made a motion that CWD work with Paul Giuliani to look at using extra bond dollars to cover up to \$35,000 toward Contract #105 as approved by the Board. Motion was seconded by Roger Hunt, with all Board members in favor.

#### Williston East Tank (WET) Appraisal

Mr. Fay said that if the Board chooses to put this lot up for sale it appears the amount is between \$100,000 to \$120,000 for single family or multi-family. There was extensive discussion led by Jonathan Stockbridge and Dennis Lutz on other options rather than selling, including turning the lot over to the Town for a park. Mr. Fay said that CWD inherited the tank from the Town, but CWD does have a fair amount of investment in tank O+M over the years, with \$90,000 recently to remove the tank structure. Following additional discussion regarding CWD's most recent costs for tank demolition, Board consensus was to table the discussion until the February Regular Meeting.

**State of Vermont Health Action Levels**

Mr. Fay summarized this topic, including CWD's process on lead testing stating that CWD may be testifying in Montpelier at some point in the future. CWD's excellent test results set our compliance sampling at high risk homes on a three year schedule rather than annually. We continue to operate our laboratory pilot unit that simulates customer home water usage as a way to continually verify the CWD water treatment process is optimized. We will monitor this topic going forward in the VT Legislature as setting an MCL for lead is not the way to further protect public health given that lead is NOT in the source water and a water supplier cannot be held responsible for privately owned plumbing fixtures within customer dwellings. Customer education is the key to improving public health similar to the State's lead in paint program. Dennis Lutz then handed out some information on PFASs which was discussed as well noting than drinking water from wells is not a strong vector unless this group of chemicals have been utilized in a local area.

**Sign Warrant**

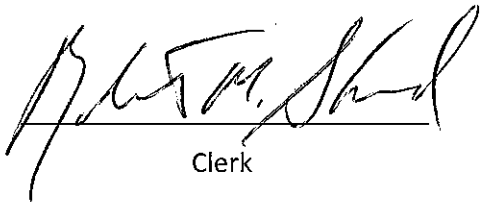
Bob Shand asked for a motion to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$618,306.24. Motion was made by Aaron Martin, seconded by Peter Gadue Board with all Board members in favor.

**Executive Session – Personnel Relations / Contract Discussion**

At 1:24 p.m. Liz Royer made a motion that executive session was warranted for the discussion of personnel relations/contract discussion. Motion was seconded by Peter Gadue, with all Board members in favor. Liz Royer then made a motion to go in to executive session, seconded by Roger Hunt, with all Board members in favor. At 2:00 p.m. Dennis Lutz made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Roger Hunt, with all Board members in favor. No action was taken in executive session.

**Any Other Business**

At 2:00 p.m. Bob Shand asked if there were any other business. Hearing none Jonathan Stockbridge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roger Hunt with all Board members in favor.



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