## **Trustees**

Richard Leigh, President Russell A. Peterson, Treasurer Stephen C. Rendall Jr., Clerk Karen Arsenault, Trustee Richard E. Boston, Trustee



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## Administration

Donald D. Neumann Jr., Superintendent Gary E. Stevens, Asst. Superintendent Patrick M. Desrosiers, Financial Manager Ryan Lynch, Treatment Plant Manager

The York Water District Board of Trustees meeting was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, through remote conferencing as approved by the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

President, Richard Leigh called the Meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Others present were Treasurer – Russell Peterson, Clerk – Stephen Rendall, Trustee – Richard Boston and Trustee – Karen Arsenault. Staff present was Superintendent – Donald Neumann, Asst. Superintendent – Gary Stevens, Financial Manager – Patrick Desrosiers, Treatment Plant Manager – Ryan Lynch, Utility Service Coordinator – Todd Hill, Water Resource Specialist – Joseph Dignam and Financial Asst. – Shelley Kimball.

On a motion made by Trustee Boston and duly seconded by Trustee Arsenault, it was voted unanimously to accept the Minutes of the July 21, 2021, Board Meeting.

The Financial Manager presented the Board with the Monthly Budget Reports and Income Statement for July 2021 for review and discussion. The Monthly Revenue for July 2021 is \$23,621 over projected. The Year-to-Date Revenue for July 2021 is \$51,512 over budgeted. The Monthly O&M Budget for July 2021 is \$33,977 under projected. The Year-to-Date O&M is \$122,939 under budgeted.

Public Comment:
Donna Bakke
Martha King
Janet Drew
Kathleen Sturtevant
Tom Trafton
Christine Gsottschneider
Lloyd Bakke
Barry Davis
Joseph Goldstein
Torbert McDonald

A motion was made by Trustee Peterson and duly seconded by Trustee Rendall to approve the proposal to Authorize the Superintendent to enter into a lease agreement with AT&T to install cellular equipment on the York Heights Water Tank located at 5 Roots Rock Road.

Trustee Boston voiced the district is in the water business not communication business, but we are responsible of supplying water at the lowest cost possible. Income from this project will help us lower the cost, however with our budget he felt it insignificant. Stated any danger real or perceived tells me to vote against this and he urged the Board to vote no on this.

Trustee Peterson felt the Board had been diligent listening to concerns and gathering all of the information that they could. He expressed that he's heard the resident's concerns but with the support of the Town and Safety Administration in the community felt the value of enhancing the communication is important. Also felt some comfort knowing the Town needs to review and authorize this before a final approval. Trustee Peterson Understood

this is not the district mandate but thinks the opportunity to enhance our financial situation at the same time and help the town is a good idea.

Trustee Rendall agreed with Trustee Peterson and thanked everyone involved in the sub-committee, neighborhood folk, Trustees, Kent Chamberlain, David Maxson and Professor Kenneth Foster. The financial aspect was the least important part of his decision.

Trustee Arsenault agreed with Trustee Peterson and Trustee Rendall. It's been a difficult time waying all the pros and cons. She appreciated everyone's time evaluating this and voiced the importance of cell communication is for the community and emergency entities.

Trustee Leigh voiced that he felt this a difficult journey to listen to the pros and cons and knowing vital parts keeps everyone safe. Protecting our infrastructure is part of our job. Cell antennas on top of the water tank is the best possible location. Have the Town focus on this and do what's best for the residents and Town.

## Roll Call to Vote:

Trustee Stephen Rendall – Yes Trustee Karen Arsenault - Yes Trustee Russell Peterson - Yes Trustee Richard Boston - No Trustee Richard Leigh - Yes

The motion passes

See what action the Board will take on the replacement of a 6" cast iron main located at 750 York Street. Don explained that this is not in the capital budget but has come up due to working with the YDPW on their 5-year paving plan. This main is part of our current master plan to be replaced and was installed prior to 1929. This phase of the replacement would consist of 600' being sleeved with 3" poly pipe through the current 6" cast iron running from York Street into Camp Eaton's property. The district would upgrade Camp Eaton's service install a meter pit and then Camp Eaton will take ownership as this would be private. To do this the Campground takes water by April 1st so we are proposing to do this in October of this year. It will cost approx. \$28,000 to do this project. Don is asking the Board to authorize to spend up to \$28,000 in October 2021to replace the line from York Street to the first service of Camp Eaton. Phase II would replace the Lobster Cove end and be requested in the 2022 capital budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Rendall and duly seconded by Trustee Arsenault to authorize Don to spend up to \$28,000 for the replacement of the 6" cast iron line crossing the property of Camp Eaton located at 750 York Street.

Ryan updated the Board on the current pond and drought conditions. The pond is a foot higher than normal July levels. For July we received 11.7 inches of rain and it rained 22 out of 31 days.

Joe Dignam gave an overview of the District's Lead and Copper Rule. Back in 2018 when the district changed our corrosion control to work with KWD and KKW interconnection the district's lead and copper procedures changed. Originally before the chemical change the district tested 30 homes every three years. Due to the chemical change the district had to test 60 homes twice a year with standard monitoring. We have continuously passed and so we tested 30 homes annually. EPA is rewriting the Lead and Copper Rule and will keep everyone informed of changes.

Trustee Peterson asked if we should add the schools to our testing criteria. Joe explained the schools have their own standard testing procedures. It was suggested maybe daycare facilities be added to our test list. Public water systems need to have a complete service inventory, the district has been working proactively to meet these requirements by reviewing past records, change out program, new installs and any other service work.

## Superintendent's updates:

- Wright Pierce continues to work with Civic Moxy on the Utility Chapter of Town's Comp Plan.
- Wright Pierce working on updating the District's Master Plan.
- Hosted a joint meeting with KWD & KKW the discuss transferring water in either direction. We currently
  transfer water to Kennebunk and vice versa to keep our line fresh to the Ogunquit line to improve water
  quality.

- Trying to continue to work with KWD working to complete the interconnection across old Beech Ridge Rd. If it happens, we will finish the pump station and install a chlorination station to add ammonia if the need to transfer water.
- KKW water system went down last weekend. YWD switched on the interconnection, and it went seamlessly to supply KKW with water. Don commended Staff and Management for great communication and job well done.
- Kittery Water is going from 3 Trustees to 5 Trustees in September. Trustee Rendall mentioned to schedule a meeting to meet new elected officials.
- Nubble Road Phase II our crews have been setting temporary line and meeting residents. Job is scheduled to start September 9<sup>th</sup> to replace 880' of water line.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> Don and Patrick will meet with the Town Budget Committee to provide an overview.

President Leigh adjourned the meeting at 3:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Rendall Clerk York Water District