

**RICHMOND WATER AND SEWER
COMMISSION MEETING
September 4, 2018 MINUTES**

Members Present: David Sander; Bard Hill; Christy Witters; Fran Huntoon

Members Absent: Bob Reap

Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Kendall Chamberlin, Water Resources; and Ruth Miller was present from MMCTV Channel 15 to broadcast the meeting.

Mr. Sander opened the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Welcome and Public Comment

Mr. Sander asked for any public comment, but there was none.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Chamberlin updated the board on several items from the wastewater department. The pump station would be repaired soon, and the sludge press at the treatment plant had failed due to the main screw breaking. It may be temporarily repaired but new parts were required and he was looking into a new local supplier of a part made in Sweden. The well rehab would take place in October, and they had issued a notice that they would be flushing hydrants soon.

The Chittenden Solid Waste District sludge contract was up for renewal, and they were looking at two options, which may increase the disposal costs. There may be a new phosphorus removal system within the next five years, or the District may choose to continue the existing contract.

The West Main project spoken about at the previous meeting continued to advance in design.

Mr. Chamberlin then spoke about the Bridge Street work, and urged a bond to cover all of the Bridge Street line between four corners and the bridge. He also spoke about the possibility of taking over a private service line behind the Masonic block in order to improve, upgrade and make a new connection to Depot Street from East Main. There was some discussion on this but no firm proposal to do so.

Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Applications

The Manager explained that there were two applications for the DWSRF for the Bridge Crossing and the upper Bridge Street water line/storm water line replacement. On the Bridge Street Bridge water crossing, the total cost was estimated to be \$300,000, and we were requesting a full \$300,000 in revolving loans. For the upper block, the project included storm water and water line work, totaling \$702,750 and we were asking for \$351,200 in loans. With the \$400,000 bond approved earlier this year, the Bridge Street Bridge project would be covered but there would only be \$100,000 left in the authorization for the upper block. Additionally, some of the CWSRF funds would be available for the storm water line, although that would be technically separate funding but part of the same construction project. Therefore, an additional bond would need to be voted upon for the remaining bondable costs, and to qualify for the loans.

1 There was some discussion on these details, and urging for additional bonding to cover the project.

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3 Mr. Hill offered a motion to approve DWSRF applications for both the Bridge Street Bridge Water
4 Line Crossing for \$300,000 and the Upper Bridge Street Water Line/Storm Water Line project at
5 \$351,200. Ms. Huntoon seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4-0.

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7 Approval of Warrants

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9 The Warrants were approved.

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11 Mr. Hill offered a motion to amend Purchase Order 3539 to Todd Chagnon for the Baker Street Water
12 line, due to time delay costs. The old amount was \$71,000 and the new amount was \$81,706. Ms.
13 Witters seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

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15 Adjourn

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17 Ms. Huntoon offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm and was seconded by Mr. Hill. So
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