



LISBON WATER DEPARTMENT

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Marie Hale, Chairman, James Lemieux & Roger Bickford Commissioners

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2019

Members Present: Marie Hale, Jim Lemieux, and Roger Bickford

Staff Present: Bill Alexander Jr

Audience: None

Meeting called to order by Ms. Hale at 5:37pm

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- A. None

II. WARRANTS

- A. Warrant 3019 (Jan 16, 2019)-Approved
- B. Warrant 4019 (Jan 23, 2019)-Approved
- C. Warrant 5019 (Jan 30, 2019)-Approved
- D. Warrant 6019 (Feb 06, 2019)-Approved
- E. Warrant 7019 (Feb 13, 2019)-Not Done

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - 1. December 11, 2018
 - 2. January 08, 2019
 - a. Mr. Bickford made a motion to accept the minutes as written for December 11, 2018 and January 8, 2019. Mr. Lemieux 2nd the motion followed by a positive unanimous 3/0 vote.
- B. Valve Replacement Spring, Park, & Memorial St
 - 1. Mr. Alexander briefed the Commissioners on the valve replacement project for Spring St, Memorial St, and Park St on December 19th. He said that they had to do a temporary water line to continue to provide fire protection as there was no valve to do the repairs on those streets without shutting off the Lisbon standpipe. He said that they ran the temporary line, installed a new valve at the standpipe for future use, repaired or replaced the nonworking/leaking valves successfully. He said that they used ETTI due to the immediate nature and limited time frame to complete the project. He said they and the staff did an excellent job and completed all the valve work and restored water to normal operation in one day.
- C. Valve Repair on Mill St
 - 1. Mr. Alexander said that he consulted with the Fire Chief to remove the hydrant on the Papermill trail and received confirmation that we could take it out of service and discontinue the water main off Mill St. that served it. He said that they hired Ray Labbe to assist the staff in discontinuing the Papermill line, repairing the leaking valve on Mill St,

and while they were repairing the valve they repaired an unknown water main break that was leaking in the same hole. He said that they also relocated a service line for one customer to put them on the Mill St. main. He said that they had some issues with relocating the service as it was not served where they had originally thought. He said that with the new line locator they were able to locate all the other infrastructure and where it went to finally discover how the service was connected. He said that they solved a lot of unknown issues successfully and the repairs were completed the next day and the road was paved soon after.

D. Hydrant Repair on Memorial St

1. Mr. Alexander said that during the valve project on Memorial St they found that one of the hydrants would not shut off and was leaking by so they scheduled and completed the repair before it blew apart.

E. Hydrant Repair on Frost Hill Ave

1. Mr. Alexander said that there was a hydrant on Frost Hill that they had used in the flushing process and could not get it to shut off once they used it. He said that staff scheduled the work as we could no longer get parts to repair it so they had no choice but to replace it.

F. Sludge to TOL Sewer

1. Mr. Alexander said that he received the letter from Mr. Alveoli from the Sewer Dept that they would accept the sludge from the Moody plant beginning with a 6 month trial period. He said that they would need to do additional monthly tests that we would need to pay for to monitor the arsenic and confirm that the waste would not upset their system. He said that once the trial period was over and there were no issues then we would continue and not need to do the additional testing unless something changed. Mr. Alexander said the additional tests would cost around \$85 a month and the annual sewerage charge would be around \$981 which he agreed was reasonable. He said that we were already testing our sludge every week at a cost of about \$1,861 annually and would continue to do so until he had some trending history and felt comfortable things were going well then he would back off to less frequent testing but for now the annual cost would be around \$3,800. He said that when he first started here it was around \$12,000 a year to hold the sludge and have someone come clean the basins and haul away the sludge. He said to prior to starting to send the waste to the sewer we would clean out both basins and start fresh. He expected to start within the next month or two.

G. Unresolved Issues

1. Kiernan Transport
 - a. Mr. Alexander said that Ms. Brooks from the PUC called and asked some questions to clarify the information that he had sent her and she said that they would be in touch.
2. Memorial for Bill Bauer
3. Kelly Park Infrastructure Approval Letter
4. Route 125 Main Replacement Project

H. Any Other Old Business

1. None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Main Break Mill St
 - a. Mr. Alexander said that the leak on Mill St was actually in the 12" line on the bridge from Reed & Reed. They had an issue with the pipe and couldn't pressurize the line so they shut it down and put food grade antifreeze in it. He said that it happened while he was on vacation and when he came back he called them and said that he wanted that

line repaired, charged, and brought on line as he needs redundancy for the school that is on Mill St. He said that they disagreed and the MDOT called him and asked him what he wanted so they made Reed & Reed comply. He said that they found the leak at a connection gasket and made the repair, drained the antifreeze, chlorinated the line, and are in the process of pressurizing it. He expected them to have it in service by the end of this week. Mr. Alexander handed out pictures of the work.

2. Main Break Main St

- a. Mr. Alexander said that it was an 8" sheer and it popped and separated several inches. He said that the force was such that it was blowing out under the road across the street onto South St hitting the old Kitty Korner foundation. He said that the water came out on the surface about 60' down South St. He said they had 6 or 8 dig sites where it had undermined the road which all had to be refilled and repaired. He said that ETTI responded to the emergency call and were excellent to work with. He said that it took about 32 hours straight to find, fix, restore water, and repair the roads to passable condition. He presented the piece of pipe with the blowout for the Board to see. He said that he would need to meet with the Town's Public Works Director this spring to address the damage to South and Main St.
- b. Mr. Lemieux asked if we considered using ETTI to do some leak detection for us and Mr. Alexander said that he hasn't because as a VAS customer with EJ Prescott we get so many hours of free leak detection which he hopes to utilize this spring in areas where he has seen some weaknesses. He said that he wished that we had been brought in on the meetings with the Sewer Dept when they were planning their sewer main projects because that would have been the prime time to do our work as well. He said that it would have saved us both costs and the customer being disturbed only once.

3. Superintendent's Report for the Town Council

- a. Mr. Alexander said that he had prepared a report for the Town Council and had forwarded it to the Board and the Town Manager. He said that he was approached to update the liaison for the Council as well but he felt his report was enough with everything he has on his plate. The Board agreed with Mr. Alexander and felt that the minutes should suffice if he wanted more.

4. T-Mobile Lease Amendment

- a. Mr. Alexander said that T-Mobile wants to add a generator set up at their site at the Lisbon standpipe. He said that they feel they have the right to do this without more compensation and Mr. Alexander reviewed the site and the lease and didn't agree. He said that he sent the agreement out for review to legal counsel and is waiting for their response. The Board agreed with Mr. Alexander and will address it once we hear from the attorney.

5. Lisbon Emergency Lease Request

- a. Mr. Alexander said that Lisbon Emergency has a communication antennae on the Lisbon Falls standpipe along with a building that houses their equipment. He said that Lisbon Emergency has applied for grant money to get a new generator for the site but they need to show a lease in order to get the grant because they don't own the property. He said that he received a proposed lease from Lisbon Emergency attorney's and he forwarded it to our attorney for review and comment. The Board agreed with Mr. Alexander's action and will wait for our attorney's response before making a decision.

6. Broken Hydrant on Pinewoods Rd
 - a. Mr. Alexander said that we received a call that a hydrant had gotten knocked over on the Pinewoods Rd. He was told that they thought the Town plow had hit it. Mr. Alexander examined the parts when they were brought back and it showed that the bolts had rotted away and it could have been knocked over by the slush from the plow. He said that when they tried to remove the hydrant it would not shut off as the rod had rotted away as well and as a result there was huge amount of water flowed from the 6" connection until they were able to shut it off at the street valve. He said that there were some dirty water calls as a result. He said that they have scheduled the replacement to be done as soon as the new hydrant comes in. He said that as part of our annual budget we should add replacing some hydrants on streets that are not up for construction to get the old ones rotated out and then include hydrant replacement on all our main replacement projects.
- B. Business Manager's Report
 1. Financial Advisor coming February 21 for 2018 Year End
 - a. The Board agreed to the year end work with the financial advisor.
 2. Abatement Request Acct# 2-607
 - a. Mr. Alexander said that this customer had a leaking toilet that has now been fixed and the usage was extremely high compare to their normal usage and have requested an abatement. He said that Ms. Reynolds calculated the allowable abatement per our policy to be \$536.38. The Board discussed the issue and agreed to grant the abatement. Mr. Lemieux made a motion to award the abatement to account 2-607 in the amount of \$536.38. Ms. Hale 2nd the motion followed by a positive unanimous 3/0 vote.
- C. Commissioner Communication/Requests
 1. Ms. Hale-None
 2. Mr. Bickford-None
 3. Mr. Lemieux- None
- D. Complaint Log
 1. Several complaints for dirty water and low pressure from Main St main break.
 - a. Mr. Alexander said that the office fielded over 60 calls as this break affected all of the Lisbon Falls area and he complimented Ms. Reynolds and Ms. Masse on their excellent service. He also said that a customer came out and told one of the staff that they were having a home baby delivery and needed clean water so they opened some hydrants to pull clean water into the break area to help the customer.
 2. Concern for property damage 19 Addison St
 - a. Mr. Alexander said that the customer had called the office and was afraid that the water from the break was going to flood his garage and then his basement. He said that he visited the location and took some pictures. He said that there was an ice berm at the front of his driveway and explained that it would divert the water. He also explained what they were doing and would do their best to protect his location.
 3. Concern for property damage 18 Berry Ave
 - a. Mr. Alexander said that the office called about the customer from 18 Berry Ave. He said that the water level was getting high enough to come into his house and needed us to do something about it. Mr. Alexander went to the location and decided to have the staff put a pump in his yard to pump out the water.
 4. 02-08-5 Beech St-dirty water
 - a. Mr. Alexander said that he went to the location and found it was calcium. He explained some suggestions to help and what we were planning to do to help as well.

E. Customer Comments

1. None

F. Other New Business

1. None

G. Next Meeting

1. The next regular Commissioners' Meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:30pm at the Lisbon Water Dept.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Mr. Lemieux made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bickford 2nd the motion followed by a positive unanimous 3/0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm