Town of Wilmington Water & Sewer Commission August 19, 2021 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on August 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Chairman George Allan, Commissioner Michael Camoscio, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

Approval of Minutes – June 24, 2021 - Tabled

<u>Approval of Minutes – July 15, 2021</u> - ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2021, WERE APPROVED.

Billing Adjustments & Corrections - There were none.

Monthly Report

The July monthly report was submitted to the Commission for review.

Cook Avenue Water Main Project

The Commission was presented with a current weekly field report prepared by Wood, who is the consultant for Olin Chemical. The contractor, Sean Farrell Excavation Inc, has completed the installation of 750' of 8" water main in Cook Avenue and 200' of 8" water main in Burnham Street. In addition, 3 new fire hydrants have been installed. The project is almost complete. The pressure & chlorination test needs to pass then the two houses will be connected.

Arnold Road - Tewksbury

The Town of Tewksbury is performing water main upgrades to a 2" water line on the Wilmington/Tewksbury line. This 2" water line extends down Arnold Road in Wilmington and services three Wilmington homes. The Tewksbury DPW is willing to upgrade the 2" water line in Arnold Road in conjunction with the project. This upgrade will significantly improve water quality and pressure as well as fire protection to area Wilmington residents. The work will commence late this fall or spring of 2022. The Commission will be kept informed.

Leak Detection

Leak detection is performed as required by the Department of Environmental Protection and the MWRA. All water mains, services and fire hydrants are checked and any leaks that are found are then repaired in house utilizing Town employees and equipment. This year's bid was awarded to Prowler and work will commence at the end of August or beginning of September. This program is beneficial as leaks are quickly detected and addressed. The Wilmington water distribution system is very tight yielding a very low unaccounted for water percentage.

Salem Street Well Replacement Project

The bid opening for the Salem Street Well Replacement Project was held on August 3, 2021. Two bids were received, and both were over budget. Weston & Sampson CMR Inc. bid \$917,500 and N. Granese & Sons, Inc. bid \$1,212,565.00. The replacement of this well is necessary. The

Water Division has five separate capital outlay projects that have been completed and each has a remaining balance. The funds from these five accounts are enough to cover the amount necessary to pay for the project.

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$204,944.31. TO THE CAPITAL OUTLAY ACCOUNT FOR THE SALEM STREET WELL REPLACEMENT PROJECT, FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

a) Redevelopment of Shawsheen & Salem Street Wells	\$ 46,979.30
b) Redevelopment of Brown's Crossing Wellfield	48,853.00
c) Middlesex Avenue 12" Water Main	24,787.41
d) I-93 @ Woburn Street 12" Water Main	42,799.60
e) Ballardvale Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation	41,525.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS TRANSFERRED:	\$204,944,31

Other Business

Middlesex Avenue Sewer Extension Update: Paul Alunni, Town Engineer has indicated that an excessive amount of ledge was found in the High Street area of Middlesex Avenue. The ledge was found about 4 feet down and the sewer needs to be approximately 20 feet down. The plans are being reviewed and the Commission will be kept informed.

Public Comment Period

No public comments

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on September 16, 2021.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 6:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diane Forest, Recording Secretary