

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 14, 2009
MEETING ROOM 105**

Present: Dennis Ferreira, Jeff Weise,
Doug Valovcin, Ron Sharpin

Meeting convened at 7:20 pm

Finance Committee Meeting

The BWC will meet at 8:30pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 with the Finance Committee. The BWC will meet prior to the meeting at 7:00pm on January 20, 2009.

Nicholas and John Tzouganotos arrived at 7:20pm

WATER BILLS

Sheila Robinson – 3 Raleigh Road

The board agreed to offer her a payment plan.

Balancing Rock Condominiums – Washington Street

The board has received a letter from Balancing Rock Condominiums regarding their water bill for irrigation of their property.

SEE LETTER ATTACHED

Their current meter charges do not include TIER3 charges because of their condominium status. They do not qualify for Agricultural Rate. The board discussed the Rules and Regulations of the Water Department regarding irrigation and dwelling units.

Mr. Weise suggested that further discussion be postponed until the next BWC meeting, and Mr. Ferreira agreed.

Carol Rosenfelt – 40 Bald Hill Road

Mr. Sharpin announced that he is sending the letter drafted by Mr. Weise to Carol Rosenfelt. It states the board's position on her JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2008 water bill.

John and Nickolas Tzouganatos – 56 No. Mill Street

Nickolas Tzouganatos and his father appeared before the board to discuss the water bill covering OCT/NOV/DEC 2008 at their 4-family property. They have concerns about the new water meter that was installed on January 16, **2008**. Prior to its installation, their readings had been estimated. The department made an adjustment to prior bills when the new meter was installed.

Now the water usage has risen. A plumber checked in November 2008 and found no leaks. Ten people reside in the four units.

Since the Tzouganatos do not believe that the meter is correct, Mr. Sharpin suggested that it be removed and sent out for accuracy testing. Informed that the testing will cost the Tzouganatos about \$75.00 if it is found accurate, Nick Tzouganatos decided to let the office know if he wants to have the meter tested. (The board would pay the testing cost if the meter is not accurate.)

Mr. Sharpin suggested that he could call the office at any time to get the current reading sent to the office. He could use this to check the accuracy of the meter reading at his property.

Mr. Valovcin displayed a new meter with the Tzouganatos. He showed them how to determine when the meter was registering water usage. They were also given some instructions on how to determine if there are leaks.

Mr. Valovcin gave him today's meter reading since Mr. Tzouganatos plans drive to the property tonight to check the current reading on the meter.

Nick and John Tzouganatos left at 8:20pm.

Andy Rodenhiser arrived at 8:20pm.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Sharpin informed the board that the only application to the Board of Appeals has no water issues.

Quotes for New Boiler at Well #4 – Status

Andy Rodenhiser appeared before the board to answer questions about his proposal for a new boiler at Well #4. He has proposed a smaller boiler (400,000btus) than the current boiler (600,000btus). His model has a higher efficiency than the current one, and there are rebates available from the utilities.

The board agreed that two boilers are more efficient than one larger boiler, but the price of two boilers would be greater than \$25,000.00 which would require public bids. That would result in a delay in replacing the boiler.

Mr. Ferreira requested maintenance costs for all of the Water Department equipment. Mr. Sharpin reminded the board that this is a critical situation since the boiler at Well #4 needs to be replaced now.

Mr. Valovcin told the board that Mr. Rodenhiser physically inspected the current boiler while the other two bidders did not.

The board asked Mr. Rodenhiser to submit another proposal – this one would be for the replacement of a 600,000btu boiler. Mr. Rodenhiser agreed to deliver the quote by January 16, 2009.

Mr. Rodenhiser left at 9:20pm.

Deer Run Development – 379 Underwood Street

Mr. Sharpin has submitted a letter regarding the Deer Run development on Underwood Street to Karen Sherman, Town Planner. The letter was discussed at the BWC meeting on 1/7/09.

FY10 Budget - Discussion

Mr. Sharpin has submitted the following for “shovel-ready” projects:

- Cleaning and painting of Oak Street and Mt. Hollis standpipes
- Norfolk Street water main
- Cedar Street Booster Station

The board discussed the Water Surplus Fund. As of June 30, 2009, the fund will hold \$1.248 million.

The Finance Committee has requested that the board cut 5% of the Water Department budget.

Minutes Review

No minutes were reviewed.

Invoices and Change Orders

Invoices and change orders were signed by the board.

Mr. Weise made a motion: “**Motion to adjourn**”

Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferreira and Mr. Weise voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50PM

Next BWC meeting – Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Keating
Clerk

Approved 04/06/09 as written

AGENDA

Board of Water Commissioners Meeting

January 14, 2009

(Meeting to start at 7:00 PM in Room #105)

- **Public Comments - (7:00-7:15)**

- **Water Bills – (7:15-8:00)**
 - *Carol Rosenfelt
 - *Sheila Robinson
 - *Balancing Rock Condominium
 - *John and Nickolas Tzouganatos

- **ZBA-Application for a Variance –**
 - *Demers-27 Arch Street

- **Deer Run Development-response to PB Mtg of Dec 11th - (8:00-8:15)**

- **Budget-FY10 (8:15-9:15)**

- **Water Department Activities- (9:15-9:30)**

- **Minutes-review/approval –(9:30-9:45)**

- **Invoices, Contracts and Change Orders (9:45-10:00)**

Next BWC Meeting – January 20, 2009 @ 7:00PM @ Town Hall