

**Bangor Water District  
Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 21, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Bangor Water District Board of Trustees was held at 3:45 p.m. in the Hughes Building, 614 State Street. Present were:

Ralph Foss  
Rick Fournier  
Patty Hamilton  
Robert Syptkowski  
Dan Wellington

being a quorum of Trustees. Absent: Trustees Lawler and Palmer. Also in attendance: General Manager Moriarty, District Engineer Pershken, Finance Manager Bailey, Water Quality Manager Page, and Office Manager Marchegiani. The clerk kept the minutes.

**Employee recognition:** Taking the agenda out of order, the Board recognized Billing Clerk Lawrence (15 years), Service Worker McKay (30 years), and Office Manager Marchegiani (30 years) for their service to Bangor Water.

**Fuller project update:** Paul Fuller updated the Board on a wind turbine project located just outside of Bangor Water's watershed on Pisgah Mountain. The project was started in 2009 and has received final permitting; installation of five turbines is anticipated in 2016. Fuller explained the various hurdles, and Board members inquired about the potential for turbines on District-owned land on Pisgah Mountain. Power generated could help offset the \$300,000 electrical bill for the Butler Ozone Treatment Plant. Fuller suggested a good time to consider the plan would be when/if his project enters its second phase, and Moriarty suggested a consultant could assist in answering many questions such as scope of investment, payback period, required infrastructure, and other items.

**Minutes:** Returning to the order of the agenda, the minutes of the regular June meeting were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bailey reported that expenses were down slightly; due in part to less money being put in the sinking fund, and that total revenue year-to-date was on budget. She reviewed Bangor Water's charter, which mandates not less than one percent nor more than five percent of the District's total indebtedness be placed in a sinking fund; the current rate of funding – after an adjustment mid-year - is 4.65 percent.

**Progress Report:** as presented.

I. **Public Comment** : None.

## II. Old Business:

**Engineer's Report:** Pershken updated the Board on

- Union Street work between Main and Hammond Streets – all service lines have been tied in, cut-and-plug remains to be done. City may not pave Union St. this year because bids came in over budget.
- Union Street bridge work – BWD work completed July 16, with anticipated final cost of \$288,000.
- PAX mixer – installed in Hermon standpipe by contractor. Running manually but expected to be tied into SCADA system later in July

**Lead compliance:** Page informed the Board that the most recent (18th) round of testing for lead was successful, meeting “not to exceed levels” as required. She noted that there is no lead in Bangor Water’s system; lead leeches into water from customer’s plumbing. A pilot project centered at Griffin Road and Bomarc which involves adding soda ash to reduce corrosivity is likely to have contributed to the positive results, and staff will meet with its consulting engineers about the project before round 19 sampling in 2016.

## III. New Business

**2015 harvest plan:** Page said a 71-acre section will be harvested in August, under the supervision of Bangor Water’s forestry consultant. The area in the northern part of the watershed was last harvested in 2000, and this year’s cut is to maximize growth potential of the remaining stock. The harvest is estimated at 1860 cords, within the safe yield of 1606-2450 cords, and Page noted as always the emphasis is to maintain water quality rather than maximize income.

**Roof bid:** Pershken said Bangor Water requested bids for two sections of the Hawkes building roof, with three bids returned. The low bid was \$30,300, slightly below the budgeted price of \$36,000, and it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously VOTED: to award the Hawkes building bid the low bidder, G&E Roofing.

**Antenna request:** Pershken presented a proposal from RedZone Wireless to place antennas on Thomas Hill Standpipe. Existing wireless antennas are encased in the flagpole, while the City fire and police have separate antennas atop the structure. RedZone’s proposal would also have to be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission. For next month’s meeting, Moriarty asked Board members to consider the general issue of access to the standpipe, given 1) that contractors have to be accompanied by BWD staff due to the open tank and 2) the appearance of additional antennas atop the historic structure. The consensus of the Board was to continue discussion with RedZone, pending input from the Historic Preservation Commission.

**Project notification:** Moriarty reviewed Bangor Water’s increased efforts to “get the word out” about field work, including an expanded e-mail notification list provided by the City manager and posting of information on the City’s website.

**Compensation study:** Moriarty reminded the Board that the compensation structure was typically reviewed every five years, with the last review in 2010. Part of that process will be an in-house updating of position descriptions. Moriarty presented a proposal from Human Resource Partners (Don Tyler), who has conducted the reviews for a number of years, at a cost of \$5,900. Board members discussed the scope of the RFP, and it was upon motion being made and duly seconded:

VOTED: To accept the proposal from HR Partners to perform a compensation study.

**Board appointment:** Moriarty reviewed the terms of the Board members, and the timeline used by the City Council for committee appointments.

**Board package correspondence:** as distributed.

**Other business:** Moriarty noted the summer tour of Thomas Hill Standpipe will be on Wednesday, July 29 from 4 – 8 p.m.

Hearing no further business to come before the meeting, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

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Dan Wellington, clerk

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Ralph Foss

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Richard Fournier

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Patty Hamilton

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Robert Sypitkowski