

**Water and Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2019  
at 4:00 PM at the Water Department, 90 Cottage Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts**

**Attendees:**

Present: Jonas Kazlauskas, Water Superintendent; Commissioner Joe Bracken,  
Commissioner Robert Iafate; Melissa Sullivan, Finance Department

Guest: Anthony Sulmonte, Finance Director

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**Commissioner Robert Iafate called the meeting to order at 4pm.**

**Commission – Old Business**

There was no old business for discussion.

**Commission - New Business**

Finance Options for Sewer Treatment Plant

Mr. Anthony Sulmonte, Finance Director, discussed the various creative financing options to cover the cost of the new sewer treatment plant in detail. Mr. Sulmonte stated that he will put together a model looking at a tiered increase to build a target reserve, as well as a proforma for discussion.

**Commission - New Business**

Superintendent Update

Jonas Kazlauskas, Water Superintendent updated the Commission with the following:

Water

- Maher Service conducted the annual well efficient testing; which is done twice a year if production decreases. All the wells were fine except for Wells 2 and 3, which needed cleaning and redeveloping.
- Hydrant flushing is moving along as scheduled. Over the next 4-5 weeks the following streets will be affected: Next 4 – 5 weeks Auburn Street, Bedford Street, Broad Street, Cherry Street, Conant Street, Flagg Street, Laurel Street, Plymouth Street, Summer Street, Water Street, and Walnut Street.
- A Knox box was installed on the front gate of the water plant.

Distribution System

- Contractors are wrapping up the work associated with the Wall Street main replacement project. The plan is to have the road paved with a binder prior for winter.
- Pressure testing and bacteria testing has been done for Oldfield Estates.
- Dinis Moreira, Meter Technician, will be retiring in February 2020. Currently working with HR to hire new employees.

Sewer System

- Will now be double screening the compost for Vineyard Gardens to get the larger wood chips out.
- Cleaned screener
- Discussed grinder pump problem at 973 Plymouth Street, 92 Birch Street, 722 Pleasant St, and 131 Wall Street. The issues were resolved and covered under the maintenance program.
- Discussed problems that occurred while CC Construction was installing the water main, that caused sewer line issues with Wall Street line getting plugged near railroad tracks.

Past Due Water Accounts with East Bridgewater Addresses

The three-tier notification system for all outstanding balances on accounts with an East Bridgewater address will be instituted immediately. The notification will request that the homeowner contact the Town of Bridgewater Collector's office to make payment arrangements.

Review of Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes from the September 25, 2019 meeting. Joe Bracken, Commissioner, made a motion to approve the minutes from September 25, 2019 as written. Joe Bracken, Commissioner, seconded the motion. **VOTE:** All in favor, none opposed.

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Commissioner Robert lafrate made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 4:50pm. Commissioner Joe Bracken seconded the motion. **VOTE:** All in favor, none opposed. Commissioner lafrate closed the meeting. Next meeting will be held on November 13, 2019 at 4:00pm at 90 Cottage Street, Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane K. Brown  
Office Administrator