



DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

Dorset Volunteer Fire Dept.
Dorset Water Co.

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

February 10, 2020

Present: Ben Weiss, Chairman, Milt McWayne, Abbott de Rham (by phone), Lee Fox, Shawn Hazelton (Fire Chief), Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager)

Absent: Roger Squire

Others Present: Virginia Longacre

Ben Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

L. Fox moved and M. McWayne seconded to approve the January 13, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Engineer's Report (Kepler)

In G. Kepler's absence, R. Gaiotti reported:

- The priority list is due by February 24, 2020 and the construction cost number is being used as a loan placeholder.
- G. Kepler has not heard back from the State on either the source application or the system-wide PER and Otter Creek has completed their proposal.
- The meter station reports have gone down after the holiday upswing and have stayed fairly level.
- Matchpoint will be coming to Dorset for three days to coordinate with Chris (Simon Operations) and G. Kepler. Perceived leak priorities were discussed mentioning Peace Street and Route 30. L. Fox mentioned that since the State will be paving in the Route 30 section, it would be a good time to meter a section on Route 30. It was suggested that a discussion of valve replacement/strap-on meter installation be placed on next month's agenda. G. Kepler is to be consulted for next steps.

Water Manger's Report (Gaiotti)

Discussion covered under Engineer's report.

M. McWayne moved and L. Fox seconded to accept the Engineer's and Water Manager's report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chief's Report (Hazelton)

S. Hazelton gave the monthly report for the Fire Department listing the calls and locations for the month. A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to accept the Fire Chief's report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Department & Water Company Financials (Gaiotti)

R. Gaiotti presented the monthly financial reports for both departments giving the balances, expenses and delinquencies. L. Fox moved and M. McWayne seconded to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Review of Water Ordinance Draft (Weiss)

Discussion ensued regarding the draft Water Ordinance with the following comments:

- The Board talked about the State's perspective of shared lines being perceived as small mains to be handled by the District.
- J. Barlow, Attorney, believes that an easement agreement for each service line replaced is necessary. B. Weiss asked about including a hold harmless clause.
- Page 1 ~ B-#1, third paragraph: add *where applicable* or *where system supports* to the end of the sentence regarding fire protection.
- Page 2 ~ #4, Definitions: clarify definition of Corporate Stop and Curb Stop and distinguish between the two. Under System Main, change *Corporation* to *Corporate*. L. Fox questioned whether a private main is more than one property/building or should it be one customer – does it sometimes make sense to have one connection serve two buildings?
- The ordinance operationally supersedes the bylaw and it is easier to change an ordinance than a bylaw – B. Weiss is to consult J. Barlow as to how the two documents interact.
- Page 2 ~ B-#8: Consider changing the second sentence to something like *The Prudential Committee may, at its sole discretion, turn off the water service 48 hours after written notice.* In the last sentence of #8 change *shall* to *may* (*the District may*).
- Page 3 ~ B-#9: discussion of the use of the word *freezing* and whether to remove it.
- Page 3 ~ B-#11 & 12: is the word *discontinue* different than *disconnect* – clarify use of the two words.
- Page 3 ~ B-#13: discussion of the use of the word *acquisition* and does it imply that dollars will be exchanged. Discussion ensued regarding line upgrades and incentives.

- Page 5 ~ B-#15: re-number items as there are two number 15's. If meters are owned by the Prudential Committee, is an easement to read meters needed?
- Page 6 ~ B-#16A: is there a permit form? Fill in forty-five (45) days before commencement of construction.”
- Discussion about new connections, moratorium, water allocation, obligation to supply water and specific parameters of getting water allocation.
- Page 7 ~ B-#17: Is clarification needed for backflow prevention and whether it is for existing commercial or new commercial customers?
- Page 7 ~ B-#18, 3rd paragraph: Change *Town* to *District* in the first sentence.

Old Business

1. 2020-2021 Fire Budget ~ The Board discussed the budget which increased \$4,050 over last year. An increase in the sinking fund and paving the parking lot has been included in the proposed budget. L. Fox moved and A. de Rham seconded to approve the Dorset Fire District #1 2020-2021 budget as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business

None

It was the consensus of the Board to sign monthly invoices and accounts payable.

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Aversano

Town of Dorset ~ Dorset Fire District #1

Date 2 / 10 / 20

Regular Meeting X

Special Meeting _____

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Name	Mailing Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes/No)
Shawn Hazelton	433 Paris Way Dorset	Fire Chief	Yes
Virginia Longacre	2533 Route 30	self	no