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Town of Carver

North Carver Water District Commission

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Meeting minutes for October 16, 2023, The North Carver Water District Commissioners met, today, at the Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room #3, 108 Main Street, Carver, Massachusetts.
This meeting is also being videotaped and rebroadcast by Area 58 TV.

Attendees: Mike Palimeri, Chairman, Eric Mueller, Vice Chairman

Absent:

Also present: Stephen Bachand and Greg from SWSS (Phone)

Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM, by Mr. Palimeri

Mr. Palimeri – SWSS is not on the phone yet. We will take the agenda out of order until they phone in.

Public Comments:

All statements made during the Citizen's Participation Public Comment Period should be kept to a maximum of five minutes per person –

Nothing tonight

Bottled Water Refund Request:

Mr. Palimeri – We have two requests tonight

- 28 Santana Way in the amount of \$74.95, we have receipts

*Motion to authorize reimbursement for bottled water purchase for 28 Santana Way, in the amount of \$74.95: Mr. Mueller
Second: Mr. Palimeri*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

- 32 Santana Way, in the amount of \$148.74. This is for bottled water and water filter system.

*Motion to authorize reimbursement for bottled water and filter purchase for 32 Santana Way, in the amount of \$148.74: Mr. Mueller
Second: Mr. Palimeri*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

Minutes: September 11, 2023:

*Motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023, as written: Mr. Mueller
Second: Mr. Palimeri*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

Update from Small Water Systems Services – Called in at 5:06 PM

- Water Operator Report -

Greg – We are currently on Middleboro water. On Friday, I received a call at 5AM for a low tank level. I logged into the online access and what I was seeing was odd. I arrived at the plant at about 6:30. There was water running at me from about 100 yards from the plant. A fitting blew off the permeate header so all of our permeate flow that typically goes into the storage tank and maintains level was emptying into the building. I shut everything down and made the repair. By the time I got the plant up and running, the tank level had dropped to a level that was hard to recover from with the flow rate that we were doing out of the trains. Steve and I monitored and it was not recovering, we were actually losing level. We reached out to Mike and decided it was best to ask Middleboro to tie in for a short period of time. We are with Middleboro until it recovers. We did get back to a reasonable level over the weekend. Today, we needed a bacteria sample from the entry point, per the DEP, before we go back online. When Kevin got there today, he found two issues, unrelated to what happened on Friday.

1. The computer had no power to it
2. PH analyzer had no power to it; the trains will not run without that reading a true value.

Tomorrow morning Steve and I will be there to trace the electrical. With the history of the plant, it is most likely a blown fuse but we can't say for sure. We are hoping to find it and get the plant going tomorrow. We will take a bacteria sample and get the results in 24 hours. You will then be able to make a decision about going back onto Carver water.

Greg - Last week we received a manganese level of .1, which is below the health advisory level. This week we received a value of .15, which is also below the health advisory level. It's a good sign that we are making progress with our adjustments.

Mr. Palimeri – I spoke to Kim earlier, but I am just now aware of today's issues. Greg – Yes, it just happened at 3:30. Mr. Palimeri – Is Middleboro aware of what is going on re: samples? Greg – Yes, they are aware. Mr. Palimeri – They would like us off of their water system as soon as we can do it. Middleboro will also test and that will take 2-3 days. They will take their samples and we will take ours, which takes 24 hours. On Wednesday, assuming its absent of bacteria, we will be able to turn the plant back on. That is per Jim McLaughlin at DEP. I will update you on Tuesday for the two issues that came up today. Mr. Palimeri – Could you C.C. Eric on that please? Greg – Absolutely.

Bills Payable:

*Motion to pay the bills in Batch #1, in the amount of \$ 6,250.00: Mr. Palimeri
Second: Mr. Mueller*

Discussion: Contractual monthly fee from SWSS for the NCWD

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

*Motion to pay the bills in Batch #2, in the amount of \$10,903.65: Mr. Mueller
Second: Mr. Palimeri*

Discussion:

Approved: Unanimous (2-0)

Correspondence:

Mr. Palimeri – I have received some emails with SWSS over the past few days. I have also received a few emails from the Town Administrator on normal business items. I have also received a few emails/texts/comments customers wondering why we are not just going to Middleboro fulltime. I don't mind saying it again, we have not been invited. There is a lot that goes into that; it's not like when we are utilizing them to handle an emergency. If it were

fulltime, it would involve the state as well other issues. It does not benefit Middleboro for us to be on their system.

Mr. Mueller – There are a lot of steps and red tape. Mr. Palimeri – Yes, it is not on the table right now. They have stepped up to help us; hopefully, if we pay the bill when it's due, they will continue to help us. They are basically acting as our water tower.

Board Members Comments:

- Mr. Mueller – Did the alarm we had installed set them off? There was an alarm from something else? Mr. Palimeri – Yes, that alarm would have tripped at the 40% level but it didn't get down to that. The SWSS operators report for the events of Friday, was for the Permeator System and the train that tripped. Had the finish water holding tank gone down to below 40% that alarm would have gone off. The system did technically work the way it was supposed to; SWSS was alerted, they addressed the issue but we were still losing ground in the finish tank so we needed to make the decision to switch over. People were upset, I don't blame them. However, I am very confident that this was the best decision. There was no disruption in the water.
- Mr. Palimeri – Nothing tonight.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman, 48-hours in advance of the posting of this agenda:

I sent an email to Eric and we approved the quote for having Vieola (formally Suez) come to the plant, if needed. Greg – Now we are just waiting on a tentative date where they can have someone here. Mr. Palimeri - We will be discussing the quote for pulling, inspecting and repairing or replacing the pump. There are three pumps, the other two are operational. Greg – Yes, two of three are working; one stayed down; there is an issue with the shaft.

Next Meeting:

- Our next meeting will be held on November 13, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment:

*Motion to adjourn was made at 5:30 PM: Mr. Palimeri
Second: Mr. Mueller
Approved: Unanimous (2-0)*