

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Plainview Water District was held in the District office on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

Present: Joel R. Kessler, Chairman  
Andrew N. Bader, Treasurer  
Marc B. Laykind, Secretary  
Maria Albano, Clerk to the Board  
Michael Ingham, Attorney  
James Neri, Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Commissioner Laykind opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence and lab data were reviewed in the Board update.

The Board approved and signed payroll checks.

**Opening Statement by Commissioner Laykind:**

Commissioner Laykind provided an update as to where the District stands with regard to the pinhole pilot project. Commissioner Laykind stated that the project has been moving along, no definitive conclusions yet. There has been well over 1000 survey responses. Well over 600 surveys have been entered into the District's system. As of last week there were close to forty (40) inspections completed. On 60 plus year old homes there appear to be unique attributes. There were some plumbing issues that were troubling and stray current. The District's engineer will update the Board on the process. Commissioner Laykind indicated that it has been made aware to the public that Supt. Tobin retired. The public has all kinds of different theories as to why he retired. It was in the works. Supt. Tobin was nearing the end of his career. We are going to miss him and we wish him well. The pilot project is still going on steadily since the Superintendent left. District employees are still getting out to see as many houses as they can.

The meeting will now be turned over to the professionals.

**MICHAEL INGHAM'S REPORT – ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Ingham reported that he and the Clerk to the Board attended the training session at the Nassau County Board of Elections.

Attorney Ingham reported that on the backflow prevention issue one of the ladies at Port Washington Water mentioned that they had explored the possibility of trying to get some of the plumbers to bid to get some prices that were lower. There were some difficulties in that process and could not secure qualified plumbers to give that low bid

price. Port Washington does shut off water service if homeowners do not comply. Hicksville Water was successful in obtaining bids from plumbers to give a low price for backflow prevention testing. H2M is also their engineer. I am asking Engineer Neri to reach out to Hicksville to ask what their process was to get that put together. If we can secure plumbers to do the backflow prevention tests for a reasonable price we could recommend those people.

**JAMES NERI'S REPORT – ENGINEER:**

Engineer Neri updated the Board as it relates to the pinhole leak issue. Engineer Neri reported that at this point there have been about 760 surveys entered into the computer with about 109 services with no leaks. The good news is as the no leak response increases, we also suspect that we are over the peaking of the responses. Engineer Neri stated that there were only about ten (10) surveys received this week so he believes that they are about to trend down. When the remainder of the surveys are put into the computer, we can start to analyze data. Right now it looks as though there are more pinholes on the hot water side rather than the cold water. Engineer Neri stated that they have also looked at the map to see if any special trends have been observed and as of this time nothing seems to be jumping out. The District does operate twelve (12) wells. The water quality issue in all the wells is not all equivalent. Based on some information that Professor Edwards reported that high alkalinity may be beneficial to protecting consumers' pipes we are exploring the possibility of prefacing the higher alkalinity wells at least in the foreseeable future until some sort of conclusion is arrived at so we will update the Board at some point as to what actions need to be followed through.

Commissioner Laykind asked if the wells are ready to go right now, the ones that are off. Engineer Neri responded there are some wells that are available. One well in particular is a seasonal well because the GAC vessels are not enclosed so normally this time of year they would be off but we had success in running them to prevent freezing. The wells would need a little bit more oversight by District personnel and there is one of the other ones that falls in that same category, the carbon actually got expended at the end of the 2016 pumping season so we would use one of the District's requirements contracts fairly soon at Plant No. 3.

Engineer Neri reported that bids for the requirements contracts for 2017 services are available at H2M. On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, we are advertising Country Pointe relocation of water main. The District will be taking bids in a couple of weeks.

Engineer Neri reported that a request was received for a 2" water service at 671 Old Country Road. The Town granted the permit before the water availability letter was issued. H2M will follow up.

**MARIA ALBANO'S REPORT – CLERK TO THE BOARD:**

Vendor check nos. 44017 through 44036 dated November 15, 2016 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Board.

Vendor check nos. 44042 through 44059 dated November 22, 2016 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Board.

Vendor check nos. 44064 through 44082 dated November 29, 2016 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Board.

Ms. Albano requested Board approval and authorization to transfer funds to cover dental claim costs:

- Dental claim dated November 22, 2016

Motion made by Commissioner Kessler, seconded by Commissioner Bader, the below stated resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the dental claim dated November 22, 2016 and the Board Treasurer authorized funds be transferred into the District's dental benefit account.

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Ms. Albano updated the Board as it relates to the upcoming Water Commissioner election. Ms. Albano reported that ballots were received. Keys for the voting machines were pickup up. The election machines will be picked up on Friday by Nuzzi Brothers. Paperwork is being prepared.

Ms. Albano provided the Board with a pinhole leak project update.

Ms. Albano reported that a FOIL request was received regarding a trip and fall accident on the sidewalk located on Melony Avenue. Paperwork is being assembled.

Ms. Albano reported that the next NSWCA meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2016. All three Commissioners will be attending.

Ms. Albano reported that the next LIWC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, 2016. All three Commissioners will be attending.

Ms. Albano reported that the Toys for Tots will be picked up on December 14, 2016.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

The following board meetings were scheduled for December 2016:

- Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Water Commissioner Election
- Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

**Public Participation:**

Amanda Field of 15 Forte Avenue, Old Bethpage asked if there is an acting Superintendent. Commissioner Laykind responded no, we haven't hired anybody. Ms. Field said she heard Keith Fleming was acting Superintendent. Commissioner Laykind stated that he is Operator in Charge but he is not Superintendent. He didn't want the title.

Don Weiner, a former Deputy Commissioner of the NYC Dept. of Health, inquired about the spacial analysis and will it be correlated to wells because he heard there were some targeted areas. Mr. Weiner also inquired about alkalinity and asked what carbons the District is using in its tanks.

Ms. Blezow-Yulet asked if when the District speaks of wells does it mean a well in the ground. Engineer Neri responded that the District has thirteen (13) wells, twelve (12) in production that range in depth from 350' to 500'. Ms. Blezow-Yulet asked about the former landfill and her concerns that toxins may be in the water. Engineer Neri responded that eleven (11) of the twelve (12) wells have advanced treatment in them.

At 6:15 pm a motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

At 7:15 pm Executive Session ended and the Board returned to Regular Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with a call to the Chair at 7:20 pm.

STATE OF NEW YORK            )  
COUNTY OF NASSAU            ) ss.:  
PLAINVIEW WATER DISTRICT )

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of the Plainview Water District, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York, do hereby certify that the above-mentioned and contained is a true copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Commissioners held in the District office on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the Plainview Water District on this ~~24<sup>th</sup>~~ day of January, 2017.

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JOEL KESSLER, CHAIRMAN

  
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ANDREW N. BADER, TREASURER

  
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MARC B. LAYKIND, SECRETARY