

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE KIMBERLY WATER COMMISSION  
MARCH 1, 2016**

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Members present: Chairman Strick and Commissioners Johnson, Price, and Stienen. Also present: Superintendent Verstegen and Administrator Hammatt.

Johnson/Strick to approve minutes from the February 9, 2016, Regular Meeting. Carried. Unanimous.

Strick/Stienen to approve the bills and claims for the month of February 2016. Carried. Unanimous.

Stienen/Johnson to approve the financial statements for the month February 2016. Carried. Unanimous.

Superintendent Verstegen reported that we will be replacing the softener valves at Well #2. The distributor will provide the labor and the manufacturer will provide the valves for the differential cost between the original and stainless steel valves. – Work continues on Well #1 with the discharge and drain project. – Aquamatic valves will no longer be manufactured or have repair parts made for them. We will be purchasing more repair kits before they cease, so we can make it a couple of years and decide what new valves to proceed forward with. – Had seven main breaks in the last 2 months. – Will be starting residential meter change outs here soon. – Commercial cross connection inspections are ongoing.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 2016. – Administrator Hammatt brought up the questions from the Village Board about lead lined laterals and what has occurred in Flint, MI. Superintendent Verstegen reported that he doesn't think the Village has had a bad or toxic lead sample before. We use sodium silicate which coats lead laterals and cast iron pipes minimizing the amount of lead and iron that leaches into the water. Lead tests are conducted in a residence that has lead lined laterals and our numbers average 1-3 parts per billion. At 15 parts per billion we reach an action level. 15 parts per billion is still not considered bad or toxic but it does meet the minimum threshold to take certain measures. From Verstegen's recollection we have never had a reading of 15. When the Village does water main projects the Village removes all of their lead laterals (laterals leading up to the shutoff valve) and strongly encourages residents to replace their lead laterals (from shutoff valve into the home), as we cannot mandate this. Verstegen's recollection is that we have about 80% of residents who elect to replace their lead laterals during a project. Lead also comes from pre-1984 homes with copper piping where lead was used as solder for the joints. A very small amount of lead comes from Village meters but we have been changing them out and should have all lead meters removed in the next few years. The Water Commission thinks we are doing all of the right things but that maybe we should strengthen the language in our letter to residents during water projects to encourage them even more so to have their laterals replaced. There is a cost to this replacement but it may bring peace of mind for home owners. It should be known or remembered that Flint Michigan's issues were from not using a product such as sodium silicate to prevent the leaching of lead and iron into the water (which Kimberly does) and the state's lying to cover up their errors when issues started to come to light. Verstegen is going to look into some information and will be coming to a Village Board meeting to report on these concerns and to have some Q&A.

Johnson/Strick to adjourn. Carried. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam M. Hammatt  
Administrator