

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KIMBERLY WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2019

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. Members present for roll call were Commissioners Hanson, Johnson, and Stienen. Also present were Water Superintendent Verstegen, Administrator Block and Operations Director Dannhoff.

Commissioner Stienen moved, Hanson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2019 meeting as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Stienen seconded the motion to approve the bills and claims for the month of November as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Stienen moved, Johnson seconded the motion to approve the financial statements for the month of November as presented. A discussion was held on the appropriate monthly trust fund balance for the Water Utility. Administrator Block will obtain the historical data from the Village Finance Manager and review. After discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Superintendent Verstegen reported on the water break that occurred on John Street when the system was being put back online after the resin was replaced. All three softening shells began to regenerate at the same time instead of consecutively because of a computer programming error. The water flowed backwards into the pump house because there was no pressure and no check valves. The shell headers for Nos. 2 & 3 were broken before the regeneration could be shut down. Shell No. 1 was shut down before any damage occurred. The programming error has been corrected and check valves will be installed. The shell headers will be replaced with stainless steel headers which will cost approximately \$4,000. In addition, a small section of the wall in Shell No. 3 was reinforced because of some deterioration. The cleanup and disinfection of the shells is being performed by the water operators. Damage to the street and curb will be repaired next year. When the system is put back online, the new resin should use about one-third less salt.

Superintendent Verstegen informed the Commissioners that new scanners have been purchased and training on the new equipment and downloading the data will occur in late December/early January. Superintendent Verstegen also related that water utilities are still waiting for the new regulations on lead service laterals from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). It is anticipated that they will require 16% of lead services to be replaced per year. In addition, utilities will be required to audit the interior plumbing of the residences they service and document what kind of material is being used to relay the water. The water utilities will have 10 years to complete this project. Another new DNR rule will require utilities to obtain permission from the DNR prior to making any sodium/silicate changes to their softening formula.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Under New Business, the Commissioners agreed to hold an Employee Appreciation dinner on January 26, 2020.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Hanson seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous vote and the Commission adjourned at 11:45 am.


Danielle L. Block/ Secretary