

Village of Bath Municipal Utility Commission Regular Meeting – July 11, 2023

Official Meeting Minutes

The Municipal Utility Commission of the Village of Bath (Commission) held a Regular Meeting on the 11th day of July 2023. The meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Muller, Chairman of the Commission, at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Jeffrey Muller, Chairman
Mark Alger, Vice Chairman
Keith Becken
Vernard Anderson

Commissioners Absent:

Robert Plaskov

Others Present:

Samantha Voss, Municipal Utility Commission Clerk
Erin Bonacci, BEGWS Director of Municipal Utilities
David Townsend, BEGWS Utilities Operations Manager
Matthew Whedbee, BEGWS Utilities Asset Manager
Echo Yeoman, BEGWS Administrative Assistant
Kristine New, BEGWS Accountant / CSEA BEGWS Unit President
Jordan Snell, BEGWS Accountant / CSEA BEGWS Unit Vice President
Blaine Knoll, BEGWS Maintenance Person

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Alger, seconded by Commissioner Becken, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 13, 2023. All others present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Commissioner Alger, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, approving payment of the vouchers/invoices submitted in the amount of \$387,800.04, and a total of payments in the amount of \$819,365.45. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Lake Country Estates Natural Gas Remote Monitoring & Communication Upgrades:

Motion made by Commissioner Alger, seconded by Commissioner Becken, authorizing Director Bonacci to retain EYW Companies for CSSI services for the remote monitoring and communication upgrades at the natural gas pressure regulator station serving the Lake Country Estates mobile home community for an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Haverling Street Gas Main Replacement:

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Becken, declaring an emergency to retain Turner Underground Installations for emergency work including the horizontal drilling services for 6-inch and 4 inch gas main installation on Haverling street to replace leak prone pipe which has a history of leaks prior to the Village Street Departments paving project of said street; whereas the BEGWS has encountered unexpected manpower shortages which together with its lack of the suitable equipment to complete said work, would cause the work to not be completed timely for the construction which could result in additional leaks in the old gas mains; and whereas the Commission finds that it is in the public's interest to complete said work prior to the initiation of the road construction paving; Now therefore be it resolved the Commission hereby declares an emergency and authorizes the Director to retain Turner Underground Installations for said gas

main work to be completed prior to initiation of the construction paving in the amount of \$96,000 pursuant to their quote, motion carried unanimously.

Flow Testing of Well Nos. 4, 6, 7, and 8:

Motion made by Commissioner Alger, seconded by Commissioner Becken, authorizing Director Bonacci to retain Moodys Water Supply Services, LLC for services involving the flow testing of Well Nos. 4, 6, 7, and 8. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Jordan Snell and Kris New left the Open Meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Blaine Knoll was asked to stay for Executive Session.

Executive Session:

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Becken to leave the Open Meeting and enter into Executive Session at 5:07 p.m. for: (1) collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of Civil Service Law, (2) employment history of particular person, (3) discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Blaine Knoll left Executive Session at 5:14 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Alger, to leave Executive Session and return to the Open Meeting at 5:58 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resignation of Blaine Knoll, BEGWS Maintenance Person:

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Alger, to accept with regret the resignation of Blaine Knoll as BEGWS Maintenance Person. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Becken, to adjourn the Open Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Samantha Voss
Municipal Utility Commission Clerk

**Next Regular Meeting Scheduled For:
August 8, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.**