

Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
December 14, 2016

Board President Laura Weide called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m. Other District representatives present included Commissioners Todd Citron, Curtis Casey and John Carter, General Manager Patrick Sorensen, District Engineer Bill Hunter, consulting engineer Melanie Mankamyer, legal counsel Robert Carmichael, Finance Manager Debi Denton and Recording Secretary Lyn Edwards. Commissioner Ford was excused from the meeting. There were no members of the public present.

- Consent Agenda

- Action Taken

- **Casey moved, Carter seconded, approval of:**

- **Accounts Payable Vouchers totaling \$294,796.49**
 - **Payroll for Pay Period #25 (11/19/16 through 12/2/16) totaling \$40,519.47**
 - **Payroll Benefits for Pay Period #25 totaling \$38,943.76**
 - **Minutes for the November 30, 2016 Meeting**

- **Motion passed.**

- Draft 2017 Budget

Denton presented highlights of the proposed 2017 Budget. Hunter gave an overview of the Capital Improvement Plan section of the Budget. An extensive discussion followed the presentation. Further discussion will take place at the December 28, 2016 meeting.

- Abandoned Water Tank


Sorensen explained that at the November 30, 2016 meeting, BHC Consultants gave a presentation regarding their assessment of the District's five welded steel reservoirs and their ability to withstand a major earthquake. BHC also provided recommendations to improve the resilience and safety of each reservoir. One of the questions raised at that time was what should be done with the District's out of service water tank on Lakeview Street.

The concrete water tank was built by the Geneva Water Corporation in 1952 and transferred to the District when the Geneva Water Corporation was dissolved in 1977. The Board has considered demolishing the tank on several occasions in the past, but as of yet has not opted to do so. After a brief discussion, staff was directed to investigate possible uses and/or needs for the tank and the costs of refurbishing the tank or demolishing it. Staff will report their findings back to the Board at the February 8, 2017 meeting.

- Manager's Report

Sorensen reported on several on-going issues and announced that the District's annual staff awards dinner is scheduled for January 27, 2017.


With no further business, Weide adjourned the Regular Session at 7:30 p.m.


Recording Secretary, Lyn Edwards


Date Minutes Approved



Laura Weide



Todd Citron



Curtis J. Casey



John Carter