



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

WATER & SEWER COMMISSION - June 4, 2024

LWVM Observer: Steven Levy

Commissioners present: F. Carlton Siegel, Chair. Members: Gregory Bates, Thomas L. Murray and Barton Hyte. Absent: Thomas Carroll

Staff present: Amy McHugh, Superintendent; Bethany Spangler, Assistant Superintendent; Dianne Rodgers, Office Manager

A closed Executive session started at 6:30 PM. involving litigation. The public part of the meeting started at 6:50 PM.

Ti Sales gave a presentation. Their business is metering and technology. They represent a water meter manufacturer, Neptune. Marblehead in most cases uses a touch pad water meter reading system. There is interest in moving to a more efficient style of reading. The data would be collected by a computer system that collects data every fifteen minutes.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved the staffing plan after some communication. They are in compliance.

The removal of galvanized pipe was discussed. MWRA will provide some financial assistance to homeowners. The department is responsible for replacing pipes from the main line to the curb. The homeowner is responsible for replacing the pipe from the curb to the meter.

Sewer departments are out cleaning because we are headed towards Fourth of July, and that's usually when we see a big increase in grease blockages.

There was a request to replace at the Department's expense a clogged faucet. The request was denied.

A motion was made and approved to hire Henry Bernardis to the position of heavy equipment operator in the sewer department.

The board unanimously approved drain layer license applications for Mantyla & Co, Davis and Sons Excavating, NLG Enterprises INC DBA Rooterman & Nelson's Plumbing, and Thomas Mackey & Sons. A drain layer license is required when any work is to be performed in connection with the Marblehead sewer system.

A motion to award contract 191 entitled "2024-2027 Sewer Rehabilitation, to the National Water Main Cleaning Company in the amount of \$2,254,292.70 and to authorize a chairman to sign on behalf of The Commission.

This is a typical Haley Ward Master Service agreement submitted by Haley Ward. It is the hourly rates that change every year. Most of their projects involve time and material. There is a breakdown of every hour, what they do and how they charge for it. A motion was approved to authorize the chairman to sign the Haley Ward Master Service agreement on behalf of the commission.

There was no public participation.

The Rate Study (Public Hearing) will be held on June 25,2024 at 7pm.The next meeting will be held on July 2 at 7 PM.