



OBSERVER REPORT

Water and Sewer Commission- March 7, 2023
LWVM Observer- Steven Levy

Staff present: Amy McHugh, Superintendent and Dianne Rodgers, Office Manager
Commissioners present: Chairman, F. Carlton Siegel, Members: Gregory Bates and Barton Hyte.

Minutes from January 3, 2023 were approved.

Superintendent report: Interviews for special labor are ongoing. There is an opening for a mechanical pipe fitter. A vehicle mechanic is needed. People are paving over curb stones. Aqua Line, a contractor, will pay for damaging a water main. The damage will be about \$200,000. All pumps are running. There are no generator issues. Traffic boxes have been upgraded. A new exhaust system will be installed in the vehicle repair area. One person got a large water bill because they were irrigating and failed to notify the water department.

Granese & Sons, Inc. was awarded contract 185 entitled "Loring Transmission Water Main Replacement". This is for a 16-inch water main.

Our new GIS system (geographic information system) will have its own server. Mr. Bates moved to approve the \$46,465 quoted by CAI Technologies on February 27, 2023. The motion was approved. The quote was for GIS implementation, maintenance and training.

The Finance Committee Liaison Subcommittee was present to review fiscal year 2024 water and sewer budgets. \$5,734,116 was requested for the Water Department for fiscal year 2024. That represents a 4.55% increase over the amount requested for fiscal year 2023. \$5,302,581 was requested for the Sewer Department for fiscal year 2024. That represents a 4.39% increase over the amount requested for fiscal year 2023. Vehicle parts costs have increased by at least 15%. Pump parts costs are even higher.

Next meeting will be on April 4th at the same time. The meeting ended at 9:21 PM.