

CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 19, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND
ROLL CALL:

The regular meeting of the Franklin Board of Water Commissioners was held on March 19, 2024, and called to order at 5:15 p.m. by James Schubilske in the Inspection Conference Room, Franklin City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

On roll call, the following were in attendance: Commissioners Schubilske, Peterson, Takerian (arrived at 5:17 p.m.) and Duchniak. Also, present were Manager Morrow, Assistant Manager Beinlich, Superintendent Roberts, Director of Administration Hersh and Director of Finance, Treasurer Brown and City Attorney Wesolowski and Mayor Nelson. Excused were Commissioner Grobner.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD AND
CORRESPONDENCE:

None

MINUTES APPROVED:

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024, regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Duchniak. All voted Aye; motion carried.

VOUCHER LIST:

Commissioner Duchniak moved to approve the Vouchers for March, 2024, in the amount of \$323,976.04. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson. All voted Aye; motion carried.

REPORT ON WATER SYSTEM
PERFORMANCE:

Superintendent Roberts informed Board this is a transitional month, going from winter to spring/summer with a lot of work on the sewer side. Meter changeout program is moving forward. First quarter meter reading will start tomorrow, March 20th through the end of the week. Utility crew has been working on the city road project accessing water valve boxes for repairs and adjustments. The new valve turner arrived today with training in a couple of weeks. The lead and copper inventory program for the DNR is progressing. There will be a meeting with ME Simpson on March 21st to discuss the city-wide water leak detection project.

DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION/
ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS
UPDATE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WHOLESALE PUBLIC WATER
SUPPLY TO FRANKLIN 2024:

Commissioner Takerian moved to enter closed session at 5:19 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat §19.85(1)(e) to deliberate upon information, terms and provisions of the potential provision of public water supply to the City of Franklin as related to the City, the Franklin Municipal Water Utility and its customers in 2024 and beyond; and the potential negotiation of terms in relation thereto, including, but not limited to potential amendments to the Agreement for Oak Creek to provide water at Wholesale to Franklin, potential agreement terms with alternate public water supply sources, including, but not limited to the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee Water Works, a financial analysis study of long-term water supply, and the investing of public funds and governmental actions in relation thereto, for competitive and bargaining reasons, and to

reenter open session at the same place thereafter to act on such matters discussed therein as it deems appropriate. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson. On roll call, Commissioners Peterson, Schubilske, Takerian and Duchniak voted Aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Takerian moved to reconvene in open session at 5:26 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson. On roll call, Commissioners Peterson, Schubilske, Takerian and Duchniak voted Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY TO THE VILLAGE OF RAYMOND:

Manager Morrow indicated Village of Raymond is still evaluating their options for water service. Did not go into closed session.

NEW BUSINESS

STATUS OF WATER AUDIT:

Manager Morrow discussed actions on how to lower our water loss percentage.

**CA APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES
LOVERS LANE ARPA
WATERMAIN:**

Manager Morrow informed Board there are American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds available that can be used towards design of watermain from W. St. Martins Road to 8120 S. Lovers Lane which was the southern leg taken out of the rebid for the water tower.

Commissioner Duchniak moved to recommend to Common Council to use excess American Rescue Plan Act funds for the design of a watermain from W. St. Martins Road to 8120 S. Lovers Lane in the amount of \$18,100 and award the amendment for \$18,100 with Applied Technologies, Inc. contingent upon Common Council authorizing the funds from the excess ARPA funds. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson. All voted Aye; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Takerian moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson. All voted Aye; motion carried.