

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**

A special meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held on Monday, November 29, 2010 at the department offices, 605 West Queen Street, Southington, CT. A recording of this meeting can be found on file tape #558.

PRESENT: President Thomas Murphy, Vice President Erik Semmel, Commissioners Robert Berkmoes, Michael Domian and Cheryl Lounsbury, Superintendent Thomas West and Assistant Superintendent Frederick Rogers. A quorum is determined.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Thomas Murphy at 6:00 PM.

**2. Financing for the Water mains and Water Tank projects.**

Superintendent West explained the three proposals solicited for financing the Water mains and Water Tank projects. Farmington Bank, Valley Bank (New England Bank) and New Alliance Bank were all interested in financing these two projects. For a ten year financing, with a fixed interest rate, the proposals are summarized below:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Interest rate</u>
Farmington Bank	4.43%
Valley Bank	5.875%
New Alliance Bank	5.75%

Farmington Bank brought the most attractive proposal to the table, and when compared to a 20 year bond with the town, the Water Department will save nearly \$100,000 in interest charges.

Commissioner Murphy impressed upon the Board the importance of maintaining an adequate reserve, in case of an emergency, and suggested we look into getting a better rate on some investments by laddering some cds on money we do not need to be liquid. He also stated that we have done our due diligence here, and made the best deal possible for the ratepayers of our Department.

Commissioner Berkmoes made a motion to borrow money for the Water mains and Water Tank projects from the Farmington Bank using the 10 year SWAP, 10 year amortization schedule at 4.43%. Commissioner Semmel Seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**3. Executive Session Anticipated for Personnel and Negotiation**

Commissioner Berkmoes made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, barring the public and the press, to include Superintendent West and Assistant Superintendent Frederick

Rogers. Commissioner Lounsbury seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

The Board entered executive session at 6:21 PM

The Board Left Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

Commissioner Lounsbury made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Domian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

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Robert M. Berkmoes, Secretary & Treasurer