

Water Board Meeting

June 28, 2018

9:03 A.M.

Members in attendance: Administrator DeOrio, Chair  
Council Cerreta, Vice Chair  
Finance Director Brown  
Director of Law, Fox

Clerk: We are now recording.

Patrick DeOrio: It is Thursday June 28th, 2018. The time is 9:03 AM. I am calling to order the Water Board Meeting for the City of North Canton. Clerk, would you please call the roll?

Clerk: DeOrio.

Patrick DeOrio: Here.

Clerk: Cerreta.

Mark Cerreta: Here.

Clerk: Brown.

Laura Brown: Here.

Clerk: Fox.

Tim Fox: Here.

Clerk: Four present.

Patrick DeOrio: Thank you. 1st Item on the agenda: Review the amended minutes from May 24th, 2018. Are there any additions, corrections?

Tim Fox: In the very first portion it has Members in attendants. The minutes themselves mentioned that I was absent May 24<sup>th</sup>. Just strike through my name at the top and I'll abstain from anything else on...

Patrick DeOrio: Okay. I will take that as a motion to amend the minutes. Place a strike through the Member in attendance: Director of Law, Fox. That would appear to be the only change necessary.

Tim Fox: Yes.

Mark Cerreta: I will make motion to move.

Patrick DeOrio: Moved? Is there a second?

Laura Brown: Second.

Patrick DeOrio: Moved by Member Cerreta seconded by Member Brown. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Mark Cerreta: "Aye".

Tim Fox: "Aye".

Patrick DeOrio: "Aye". The "Ayes" have it. 2<sup>nd</sup> Item on the agenda: Analyze appeals regarding overages of water utilities. Are there any concerns with overages for this meeting?

Laura Brown: There are. I have one. This is actually revisiting one that we had several months ago. It's a business; it is a water customer of the city. Typically they use two or three thousand gallons a month. And on their February reading, they had used twelve thousand. They wrote a letter to the board stating that they didn't feel that was accurate. They had a plumber come in and check. They didn't find any running toilets or anything like that. The Water Boards decision at that time was to monitor this for three more months. For their March, April, and May readings they used three, two, and two. So it has returned to a normal level for this particular account. At this point we can decide either a onetime waiver with no additional cost or just require that they pay that, which they have already paid it.

Mark Cerreta: So have we had any issues before that we know of, function or malfunction? You only go with what you know.

Laura Brown: Right. Last September we had a similar, I believe it was a thirteen thousand reading on this property. That was the only time it had been high other than the one in question. And at that point, they knew that they had a running toilet and they worked to fix that and then a low reading ever since. This time they sent out a plumber to come in, they didn't find any leaks, any problems. Our tech went out, and didn't find any problems on site either. But, they could have had a toilet running before for a number of days...

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Laura Brown: It stopped. So there's really no way to know.

Mark Cerreta: I would not want to open up a can of worms for every time somebody had a high reading. We don't see any issues with our side with anything that happened. So, again I would say in good business, we go by the reading and I think that we could go with it. When we are talking about other people's money, if they bought a house that had an overage, possibly not knowing that they did, from the business side, I would not grant an overage payment.

Patrick DeOrio: I would be inclined to support Mr. Cerreta's position.

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Laura Brown: I would add that I would probably want to add a note to the account that if we ever have another unusual reading on this account that we would have our staff go out and pull that meter and switch it out for a new one. Send the old one for testing.

Mark Cerreta: Do we know anything that could cause this problem. We don't have water experts here. Would it continue to occur if it was a malfunction?

Laura Brown: Typically yes, if you have a malfunction with the meter it's going to continue to occur or give you no reading at all. Usually when we see a small spike like that or a long time spike it is, nine times out of ten it's a leaky toilet. The cause was identified.

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Mark Cerreta: Motion. Second.

Patrick DeOrio: Motion second to adjourn. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

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