

**Rutland City Council**  
**Emergency Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21, 2020**  
**Rutland Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the City water main break of January 18th and water-related items as a result of the break. Mayor Narum and Council Members Erickson, Lysne, Mahrer and Siemieniewski present. City Auditor present.

Mahrer reported that the top half of the upper half of the water in the water tower froze and the stand pipe may also be frozen. Maguire Iron arrived today to steam it but it is too windy and they are staying in Rutland tonight and will attempt to clear the ice jam tomorrow.

Erickson said the switches overfilled and were over pressurized so the water tower lost heat and froze up.

Mahrer reported that Sweeney Controls has an electronic system that sends alerts when water is too high or too low and valves can be turned off remotely by phone. It can track daily gallons and would alert when there are problems. The system bid from Sweeney is \$4,750.00 and there would be a monthly fee for monitoring. There are several valves that are difficult to reach or turn that could be done remotely and should be identified for this type of service. The main problem with this recent water break was first locating the spot and then turning off the valve.

The City Auditor reported that both the ND Fire and Tornado Fund (NDFTF) and the ND Insurance Reserve Fund (NDRIF) have been contacted and claims filed. The NDFTF covers the water tower and the NDRIF covers the infrastructure.

Lysne/Mahrer moved to approve the contract with Sweeney Controls and authorized an expenditure of \$4,750.00 for the Insight Control and Monitoring System, excluding installation, conduit, field wiring, shipping and taxes, plus a monthly fee of \$45.00 per site. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Narum said the remote turn-off system could be used at the valves by the Senior Center and by the Harris property. Mahrer said one is also needed by the flat house by the Church. Erickson noted a new hydrant will be needed for water flow.

Mahrer/Lysne moved that the City send a thank-you letter to all those who helped with finding the break and turning off the valve and that their January water bill be zero this month: Colton Corry, Mac Pherson, Brad Wyum, Andy Harris, Kyle Mahrer, Mitch Mahrer, Rodney Erickson, and Chuck Sundlie. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Deborah Banish, City Auditor

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Ronald Narum, Mayor