

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES MEETING
November 24, 2022
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Mitch Berkowitz, Joe Murray, Mike MacDonald, John Roy and Superintendent Bill Gardner. Bruce called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Average gallons per day (AGD) for pumps 1&2 was 325,097. AGD for Pump 3 was 42,842. Pumps 1 & 2 were run 31 days. Pump 3 was run 17 days.
2. Monthly samples for October were absent of bacteria.
3. On 10/25 Merrill Excavation helped us with more service box repairs; 213 Shaker & 25 N. Raymond. On 11/7 he came back and we repaired the Dairy Bar service and installed a new blow-off on Eastfield Dr.
4. On 11/1 Higgins Tree Service removed junk hydrants and brought them to the metal recycler for us. We received about \$1600 and used it to reduce hydrant expense.
5. We located and repaired a leak in an old meter pit on George Perley Rd. This repair corrects losses we estimate about 50,000 gallons per day.
6. We received the check for the Wellhead Protection Grant. It covered the bill for the fencing and gate at Pump Station 3 completely.
7. We did another PFAS sampling at the State's request. It was just to confirm the first sampling. Our number was 4.9 which is a bit lower than our last sample that was 5.1. This confirmation was necessary to qualify for future funding.
8. The revamped website is now live.
9. We billed out \$45,000 to NOAA for the work we did to determine if a water main extension for them was possible. We expect to see that money soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Landfill Test Well Results:

We received a call from Ransom Consulting, the firm that the Town has hired to do a "clearinghouse" of water sample data. They would like Superintendent Gardner to meet along with the Town Manager to discuss the project and to give them what information we have.

ACTION: Superintendent Gardner to report back when he finds out when the meeting will happen.

TIF-Town Project Discussions:

President Sawyer reported that he attended the most recent meeting put on by the Town regarding the Route 115 project. Most of the discussion centered around timetable and the impact on Rt 115 residents. Not much related to water issues.

ACTION: None

Turnpike Crossing / West Gray Rd Main Replacement Projects:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None.

Sodium Silicate Treatment:

Superintendent Gardner reported that he spoke to Sevee & Mahar Engineers (SME) and they expressed that they would like to see more test data over time before they say whether stopping the Sodium Silicate is appropriate.

ACTION: None at this time.

MWUA Grant Writing Assistance:

Joe put together a list of projects. He would like to discuss further with Superintendent Gardner and Trustee MacDonald after the meeting.

ACTION: Joe to schedule Zoom meeting with Bill, Mike and the consultant, Toms Water Solutions to discuss the above list and determine next steps.

YWD Well Pumping Test Site:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None.

State Land Water Source:

Nothing new.

ACTION: None.

Hydrant Policy:

Trustees went over details of suggested changes to Trustee MacDonald's draft and recommended getting Town input from Public Safety.

ACTION: Trustee Murray to make clarifying changes to the recent draft and return to Mike for final concurrence and next steps.

Dry Mills Radio Antenna

Public Safety wants to pursue the placement of a repeating antenna on the Dry Mills tank. Bill advised them that any mounting must be professionally done without any harm to the tank, they would need construct facilities for their equipment and all costs must be covered by the Town. Prior to any work, a written agreement between the Town and GWD, similar to that established for the Weeks Hill tank, needs to be in place.

ACTION: Bill to work with Public Safety as they develop their plans.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Bonuses:

After a short discussion Trustees decided to make bonuses the same as last year.

Motion/Second by MacDonald/Murray to authorize holiday bonuses based on 1.5% of gross pay for the year 2022. Vote was unanimous.

Annual COLA

Cost of living increases were discussed with final decision deferred to next meeting to allow trustees time to review impact information.

ACTION: Office Manager to put together spread sheets reflecting the result of 6,7 and 8 percent increases and find out what the Town is proposing for their employees.

OTHER:

Next scheduled regular meeting: December 19, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.

Adjournment: 7:51 pm.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

- 2022.04 Storm Water & Spill Prevention Plans
- Route 100 TIF (South)
- Planning for the future/CIP programming
- G.I.S.
- Search for new water source

Respectfully submitted,

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