

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES MEETING
September 18, 2023
Location: 80 Shaker Rd**

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

Superintendent's Report:

1. Average gallons per day (AGD) for pumps 1&2 was 343,419. AGD for Pump 3 was 68,914.
2. Monthly samples for August were absent of bacteria.
3. The employee that started August fourth was let go this morning.
4. System flushing began on 8/21 and was completed on September 5th. The process took 11 days and we flushed 463,400 gallons of water.
5. 8/25 The new porch construction for the front and back of the office was completed.
6. 8/30 We closed on the new yard machine and made the first payment.
7. 9/6 Had a meeting with our grant officer at EPA.
8. MDOT is paving Depot Rd. We raised some valves for that job.
9. 9/12 We completed new meter installs at Angels Way and Woodcock Drive.
10. 9/15 We repaired the blowoff and installed a 2" gate valve on Partridge Ln. Now we are able to fully flush the entire line.
11. Met with George Froehlich, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer for Town of Gray, regarding the house next to Grovers pit off the bypass. George asked if we could do something about the water. That home is on a well and it was found earlier this year that it tested for very high levels of PFAS. The Town installed a filtration system for them, at the Town's expense, which also has ongoing costs that will never end. Superintendent Gardner informed George that he offered to put in a water service for them which would be much less expensive for the Town not only upfront but also over time considering the filter changes etc. This solution was offered to Nate Rudy and Doug Webster but with an explanation of how it would save money but they opted for the filter system instead. George stated that they would now like to pursue to water service option.
12. Quality Assurance, the company that we have used for backflow device testing, is closing their business. This company has been doing this testing for customers for many years and we have been paying the bill. This is something that should be paid for by the customers themselves. We should put the responsibility of testing and payment onto the customers that need it, some of which already hire their own testing and report to us. Another option is to find another company to perform the testing but bill the customers. This would allow us easy access to the test results we must have on file but not make all the rate payers cover the cost.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Berkowitz informed the board that the Town is having a workshop meeting regarding zoning changes to comply with State mandated housing density issues on September 25th at 5:00 pm.

Trustee Roy presented a proposal from Revision Energy on a solar farm for us. Trustees reviewed and discussed that Revision may come and present at a meeting after we check our deed for the land we purchased on Shaker Rd. At the time of purchase, we made an agreement with the seller about haying that land. We need to check the details of that before we proceed.

OLD BUSINESS:**Landfill Test Well Results:**

Office Manager reported that she emailed Doug Webster of the Town of Gray on the landfill test well results but has not heard back.

ACTION: None.

Turnpike Crossing / West Gray Rd Main Replacement Projects:

Superintendent Gardner reported that he just submitted two letters to Clare O'Connor, our EPA grant officer for this project. One was requesting change of scope (technical correction) for the project as the West Gray Rd portion fell through the cracks on their end and needs to be added back in. The other was a request for a waiver for the non-federal cost share requirement. We qualify for this waiver due to the percentage of residents in Gray who receive Food Stamp/SNAP benefits. This project has now gone to bid. We have a pre-bid meeting scheduled at the Gray Public Library on October 13th at 10:00 am. Any firm that wants to bid on our project must attend the meeting. Bids are due by October 27th. The project completion date is November 15, 2024.

ACTION: Superintendent Gardner will be attending the pre-bid conference.

YWD Well Pumping Test Site:

Nothing new to report. Superintendent Gardner will be reaching out to the Superintendent at Yarmouth about a grant that could be used to develop this pumping station.

ACTION: None.

State Land Water Source:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None.

Gerald's Way Main Extension:

Superintendent Gardner reported that he spoke with Kevin Kimball recently and Kevin says Dugas still plans to complete it this year.

ACTION: None.

Spill and Stormwater Plan reports:

We have received the report and Trustee Murray will review it and report to the board next meeting.

ACTION: Trustee Murray to review and report back.

Injection/Treatment Facility:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None

Yarmouth Water District (YWD) Solar Farm:

Nothing new to report.

ACTION: None

USDA Grant: Shaker Rd:

Superintendent Gardner reported that both USDA and SRF grant applications are ongoing.

ACTION: Superintendent to submit applications.

L.D.2003 (now Public Law 672):

Discussed in Trustee reports

ACTION: Trustees Berkowitz and Mac Donald will attend Town Council workshop on proposed zoning changes.

Meadowview II:

Superintendent Gardner met with the new engineer from Ransom Engineering. They plan to add 26 housing units. There will be two service taps, a 6" fire and a 2" domestic. She says they plan to complete the project this year.

Action: None

Lewiston Rd Project:

Superintendent Gardner reported that both USDA and SRF grant applications are ongoing.

ACTION: Superintendent to submit applications.

Antenna MOU Dry Mills Standpipe:

Superintendent Gardner and Trustee Murray are working on this document with the Fire Chief. It has gone to the Town's Lawyer and now needs to go to ours.

ACTION: Superintendent to submit to our lawyer for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Liberty Main Ext.:

Superintendent Gardner explained that he would like to do a short main extension at the end of Lewiston Rd, at Mr. Liberty's expense, during the Lewiston Rd project. This will be the best way to complete both projects.

ACTION: None

OTHER:

Next scheduled regular meeting: October 23, 2023 @ 6:00 PM.

Adjournment: 7:58 pm.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

- Route 100 TIF (South)
- Planning for the future/CIP programming
- G.I.S.
- Search for new water source
- Pineland System
- Front fencing/parking
- TIF-Town Project Discussions
- 10" Main on Yarmouth Rd
- Woodcock Dr. Phase II

Respectfully submitted,

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