

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES' MEETING  
November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Steve Dunn, Susan Hathaway, Ellen Errington, Joe Murray, and Superintendent Jim Foster. Guests: Doug Webster – Community Development Administrator for the Town of Gray, Stephen Griffin – Legrow Rd, and Norm Tanguay – Legrow Rd. Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Approve Minutes:**

**Steve made a motion to approve Draft 2 of the October Minutes. Ellen seconded, vote was unanimous.**

**Proposed New Gravel Pit, Legrow Rd:**

Norm Tanguay and Stephen Griffin, both of Legrow Rd, were present to voice concerns and ask questions about the proposed gravel pit that abuts their properties. Doug Webster of the Town of Gray was present to listen to the land owners concerns and to find out if GWD has any concerns. There is a planning board meeting scheduled for Dec 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project and residents' concerns. The proposed gravel pit is a 30 acre (10 acres excavated) area on Legrow Rd and is estimated to have a 10-12 year life span. Story Brothers are the applicant and they are being represented by Gorrill & Palmer Engineers. Mr. Tanguay stated that he and his neighbors are opposed to the project. He feels that the proposed site is too close to houses and would create too much traffic in a very rural neighborhood. He also discussed the fact that the site sits above an aquifer. If the project is approved they will be allowed to dig within 5ft of the aquifer. Mr. Tanguay is concerned that this is not adequate to filter rain water that replenishes the aquifer and the affect this may have on the private wells owned by the abutting residents. He is also concerned about 'haul back' in the pit and the danger of contaminating existing wells in the area. Bruce stated that GWD's concerns would be, does it jeopardize our existing well and will we be interested in this site as a future water source? Trustees discussed that this project does not affect our current water supply and there isn't an interest in that aquifer for future water use at this time. Bruce told the guests that, because the project does not affect GWD's interests, we do not have a position on the subject at this time. Jim stated that he would like to comment to the Town about 'haul back' and Trustees agreed.

**Superintendents Report:**

- a. October Bacteria tests were absent for total coliform and E-coli.
- b. Average usage for October: 187 GPM
- c. We applied for and were granted a Capacity Development Grant. The grant is for \$3500 of matching funds.
- d. Jim attended a meeting about the no Lead in Brass rule that will go into effect in 2014. He found out that Brass hardware will not be able to be made with lead after June 2012 but will be sold until 2014.

### **Trustee Reports:**

Ellen reported that a letter has been sent to the abutters of Pump Station 3, East Gray updating them on the progress of the project.

Bruce reported that he and Jim spoke to Mr. Theberge who had questions regarding the new well site. Mr. Theberge asked if we had contacted abutters and we have. A copy of the letter to abutters dated March 30, 2011 with attachments was given to Mr. Theberge. He also asked about well head protection and easements instead of zoning. Our well head protection is set at what our engineers recommended and what is established as a minimum under state law. Zoning was preferred over individual easements on each abutter's property as this option provides permanent protection and it not impacted by future changes in land ownership. He also asked about draw down of existing wells in the area of the new well site and Bruce referred him to a study completed by Sevee & Maher Engineers that contains that information.

### **GWD Water Storage:**

Trustees discussed a memo sent from Gorrill & Palmer Engineers regarding tank replacement and recommended budget. Three different types of tanks and prices were included in the memo ranging from \$580,000 to \$1.2M. Gorrill and Palmer are recommending an overall budget of \$1,176,000 excluding attorney fees, land acquisition, and lead paint abatement. Bruce stated that we now need to have a conversation with the Town about the possibility of having TIF money dedicated to this project.

### **Pump Station 3, East Gray:**

Trustees discussed a report from Mark Bergeron on the progress of the project. Work on the pump building has begun and exterior concrete is scheduled for the first week of December. Also, road paving will be held off until spring which will create a change order with the contractor. Trustees discussed whether there is risk of paying more for paving materials in spring.

### **Terms & Conditions:**

Trustees went over the Draft Terms & Conditions page by page and discussed. Edits were suggested and will be made and sent to the PUC for approval.

**Joe made a motion to adopt the Terms & Conditions with changes. Ellen seconded, vote was unanimous.**

### **Employee Holiday Bonus:**

A holiday bonus of 1% of gross pay will be given to GWD employees.

December meeting is scheduled for Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Ellen made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 pm. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester