

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES' MEETING  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Steve Dunn, Susan Hathaway, Ellen Errington, and Superintendent Jim Foster. Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Approve Minutes:**

**Steve made a motion to approve Draft 1 of the August 20<sup>th</sup> Minutes as amended at meeting. Susan seconded, vote was unanimous.**

**Gray Water District Water Storage:**

- a. The workshop meeting with the Town of Gray went well. Trustees discussed that the Town asked how much they will be paying toward this new tank. Trustees discussed the percentage of our overall revenue that the Town pays as that portion will go up when we do a rate increase to cover the remaining cost of the tank. The TIF money and a portion from Gray Water District will cover a majority of the cost but the remainder will be paid through increased rates. Trustees will be attending the Town Council meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> where this topic will be on the agenda.
- b. Trustees discussed financing options and decided to consult Steve Levy of Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA) about borrowing from local banks, Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB) or using State Revolving Fund (SRF) Funds. Jim reported that he spoke to Steve today and he is filling out a SRF loan application for us. After the next meeting with the Town we will know better how much of a rate increase we may need.

**Superintendents Report:**

- a. August Bacteria tests were absent for total coliform and E-coli.
- b. Average usage for august: 223 GPM.
- c. We received a letter from Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA) stating that the way median household income is determined for Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) Awards has changed. Because of this change many small systems will no longer qualify for grants under the program.
- d. The Maine Public Utilities Commission is evaluating how loss of revenue affects a utility. It has recently become an issue with a utility in the state and they have already had two meetings on the subject. They are discussing the possibility of allowing districts to assess a fee in the even that a customer decides to drill their own well and remove themselves from the system. There are two more meetings scheduled on this topic; September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee Reports:**

Bruce reported that he has not yet replied to the seasonal customer who contacted him last month about season rates. Bruce is planning to complete a letter this week and have Jim look it over before it is sent out.

**Pump Station 3, East Gray:**

Jim reported that he spoke to Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME) about billing on the remainder of the project. There are some addition costs including a change in project manager that SME would like us to cover. Trustees discussed at length what is fair and decided that they will cover the addition costs for the replacement engineer. Steve mentioned checking if we have money remaining in the construction budget to cover the additional costs. Jim also reported that the pump is installed as well as the louver for the generator exhaust. The pump wire issue from last month is resolved. Jim found out that the wire is actually copper tined wire and he is satisfied with that.

October meeting was scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Steve made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Ellen seconded, vote was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester