

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES' MEETING  
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Joe Murray, Steve Dunn, Mitch Berkowitz and Superintendent Jim Foster. Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Superintendents Report:**

- a. AGM: 319
- b. Bacteria tests were absent for E-coli and total coliform.
- c. We repaired two water main breaks this past month; one on Mayberry Rd and the other on North Raymond Rd. Average gallons per minute should be down next month. MRWA helped with locating these leaks. We also dug the leak near the State Police. That turned out to be on a private service. The customer has been notified that they must make repairs.
- d. We are continuing to work with Al Schaeffer on GIS/GPS though work has slowed over the past couple weeks.

**Route 26A Groundwater Monitoring: GWD Round 23 May 2017 (salt study):**

We have received a cost estimate from Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME) for a monitoring well to be installed in the swale downgradient of the Town Maintenance Yard. The well should be installed prior to the Town taking over Rt. 26A road winter maintenance for the fall/winter 2019-2020. The cost is estimated to be \$6475.00. Trustees discussed the possibility of splitting the cost between us, the Town and MDOT.

**Mitch made a motion to authorize SME to initiate and complete the monitoring well installation for \$6475.00 and to have Jim Foster contact the Town Manager in an effort to get the cost split three ways or at least half and half. Joe seconded, vote was unanimous.**

**Acquisition of Real Property:**

The landowner reported that the bank will be getting back to him this week regarding the appraisal, He has a rough purchase and sale agreement drafted but asked if we might have some easement language that could be inserted. Jim stated that we probably do and to send us the draft agreement so we can send it to our lawyer first. Wayne Wood, the surveyor, would like to go out and set pins or at least rough out where they would be. Trustees and Jim looked at latest sketch by Mr. Wood showing proposed boundary lines. Trustees found mistake on the easement portion. The landowner is to have that corrected and send us an updated sketch.

**North Raymond Road MDOT Project STP-1876(600):**

Jim reported that MDOT is going out to bid in two weeks and they need our portion of the project to add in. We need to renew main so it should be done along with their project. Gorrill-Palmer Engineers (GPE) should be able to meet that deadline. GPE has stated that the work will surpass \$100,000. Once we enter the bid we are committed to follow through with the project. There is an agreement between us and the State that Jim will need to sign before the project goes out to bid.

**Mitch made a motion to authorize Jim to sign a special agreement between Gray Water District and MDOT. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.**

**Town of Gray Sidewalk and Storm Drain Upgrades on Rt 26:**

We were recently informed by the Town that we have main running through two catch basins. The Town will be rebuilding catch basins as a part of this project. There are three options; ask them to build around us again, move our main or abandon the main. The main in question is only serving one hydrant at this time. It runs parallel with a newer main that is being used to serve customers on that road. Jim and Trustees discussed that the best course of action is probably to abandon that stretch of main as well as the one hydrant.

**National Weather Service Forecast Office, Gray (NWS):**

Mitch reported that he recently spoke to Anne Gass regarding water quality at the NWS complex. The NWS needs to improve their current water supply or leave Gray for another location. Anne was wondering if GWD might be interested in extending their line and offering service. Bruce let Mitch know that GWD does not proactively install water main. We will extend our mains only when customers are willing to cover the full cost of the project. Jim went over the history of the water situation over there as he knows it. Jim believes they were originally served by Pineland. When land was sold wells were installed there and at homes in the area. They quickly realized that the wells were contaminated with radiologicals. The wells also don't provide much flow. He stated that there has been at least two Engineering firms who have investigated and probably provided cost analysis regarding getting water to them but they have not decided to move forward. Mitch stated that Anne mentioned that the NWS is willing to pay 100%. Bruce stated that if they are willing to pay we will be willing to be creative regarding how we get the water to them. If we went along the road we would go into New Gloucester and then back into Gray and so would need The Town of New Gloucester to be ok with it. If we went across country that would be more expensive. We also need to know what kind of capacity they're looking for, what their current usage is, what do they expect to need in the future, who are the other potential customers in the area, etc.. The first steps are for the weather service to formally make the request. Mitch is to contact Anne and let her know how to proceed if they're truly interested.

September meeting was scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Joe made a motion to adjourn at 8:29. Steve seconded, vote was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester