

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES' MEETING**  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

**Rate Case:**

Jim provided updated rate case documents from Cathy Robinson to Trustees. After inputting 2019 numbers the amount of the increase, including the amount the Town will pay, increased. Jim and Trustees discussed that Jim has already spoken to the Town Manager regarding the amount of increase and they would like to not have to go back to her with a higher amount. Trustees would like to keep the Towns portion the same as what was already reported to them and split it over two years.

**Steve made a motion to accept the full rate increase as presented to us February 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 which included full depreciation, full contingency of 5% and requires us to begin paying off the bond debt in 2021. And that we set up, within that rate case, a capital reserve in accordance with the statute of 3%. And that we break the public fire protection increase into 3 annual increases; \$37,500 in 2020, \$37,500 in 2021 and \$10,611 in 2022. Joe seconded. Joe then moved to amend the original motion to cap the fire protection increase at \$75,000 and spread it over two years at \$37,500 each year. Andrew seconded. Trustees then discussed doing a 3% increase in 2022 and maybe each year after to prevent such a large increase in the future. Vote on amendment was 3-1. Vote on original motion as amended was unanimous.**

**Superintendents Report:**

- a. AGM: 244
- b. Bacteria tests were absent for E-coli and total coliform.
- c. The McCarthy land purchase is complete.
- d. Nothing to report regarding the Rt 26/North Raymond Rd project other than hearing that they will likely get started as soon as school is over. We should start working on the bond to pay for this project.
- e. Sidewalk project: the Town engineer said they were originally going to start next year but they were just awarded money from the state so they could do it this year. Jim is to come up with a rough cost estimate for renewing services during the sidewalk work.
- f. We still haven't received the garage portion of the Storm Water & Spill Prevention reports from Public Works that we normally get in December. Jim will talk to the new director.

**Trustee Reports:**

Steve reported that the Commercial Solar Energy Systems Overlay District will be before the Planning Board on March 12<sup>th</sup>, with a second reading by the Town Council on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Steve showed Trustees a map of where the solar panels are proposed to go. Trustees discussed that solar panels would pose less risk than other things that could go on that land. We will plan to have at least one Water District Trustee at the meeting.

**National Weather Service Forecast Office, Gray:**

Jim handed out copies of the two cost estimates that Gorrill-Palmer created for the Weather Service. One is for 8” main and the other is for 12”, \$1,005,518 and \$1,202,858 respectively. The estimates do not include hydrants as the line runs along state owned wooded land. But we would need to speak to the town as to whether or not we can do it without hydrants. We will also need to talk to Town of New Gloucester since this project goes through a small portion of New Gloucester. Trustees discussed and decided that they are ok with either estimate. Jim will forward both estimates to his contact at the weather service.

**Town of Gray Council Meeting Regarding South Gray TIF:**

The Town Manager has invited Gray Water District to a meeting regarding the TIF on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 6:55 pm.

**PFAS Water Quality Sampling:**

Jim received a contract from Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME) for PFAS sampling. Jim presented it to Trustees for review and permission to sign. Trustees reviewed and discussed and told Jim to go ahead and sign and get the sampling done.

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

**Steve made a motion to adjourn at 9:21. Joe seconded, vote was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester