

**GRAY WATER DISTRICT
TRUSTEES MEETING
December 21, 2020**

Present: Bruce Sawyer, Steve Dunn, Andrew Edson, Mitch Berkowitz, Mike MacDonald and Interim Superintendent Bill Gardner. Bruce called meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Previous Minutes: Draft one of November 16, 2020 minutes were approved with one minor change to outstanding items list. Action items were reviewed. Votes to approve were unanimous.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Update on coliform issue from last month: We chlorinated the Weeks Hill tank and added chlorine at the 80 Shaker Rd pump. Chemicals used were 11 gallons total and we ended up with a .5 residual when we checked in Dry Mills. We did O&M samples to ensure our chlorinating was successful before we took the compliance samples. All samples taken came back absent.
2. Average gallons per day (AGD) was 210,000. Pump 3 was 122,000 AGD. Since the leaks were repaired, we are at 195,000 AGD.
3. Sidewalk project was discussed with Doug of Gorrill Palmer (GPE) and Alec of Gray Public Works (GPW). Since we have not had any problems with the existing services, we should abandon the idea of replacing them at this time. However, there is a short piece of 6" main that should be discontinued. There is one hydrant on this main that will need to be moved to the 12" main at the same time.
4. Circuit boards were replaced for the SCADA system and it is now running smoothly.
5. Checked in With Alec of GPW regarding the landfill and he said there was nothing new to report at this time.
6. A new desktop computer was purchased for the office. It will be used by employees, other than the office manager, for things like scanning, email and to view the telemetry. EJP has installed their inventory software on it and did some training with employees. We will be adding our billing software as well and the office manager will be training employees.
7. We lost power for about 18 hours during the last storm. A new generator for the pumps at 80 Shaker Road is something we should be thinking about in the near future.
8. Paul Hollis has purchased 26 Acres on Shaker Rd and intends to build 14 houses, 12 will have public water. The development will have two hydrants.
9. Will Boyle put in a 6" fire service at the 6-8 Shaker Rd location.
10. Will be purchasing tires for the white truck and would like to purchase a V plow.

ACTION: Superintendent to get generator quotes.

Motion/Second was made by Edson/Berkowitz to approve the purchase of a stainless v plow by the Superintendent. Vote to approve was unanimous.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Dunn reported that he and Trustee Berkowitz attended a workshop meeting by the Town. The Town is looking for a place to construct baseball fields. Dunn and Berkowitz both had the idea of possibly letting the Town construct ball fields on the property we recently purchased across the street from the office. We do have an agreement with the prior owners of the property to allow them to hay it for a few more years. Trustees discussed the idea at length and will continue discussing at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Landfill Test Well Results:

Still waiting to hear.

MDOT Route 100 Work:

Steve reported that DOT is asking if anyone can identify historic relics that they should be looking out for in the 2.8 mile stretch that they plan to do construction. Bill reported that the gentleman who just bought the old auction building just past the end of our main there on Route 100 is interested in public water.

NOAA Request for Service:

Bill discussed with the Trustees his concern about possible water quality issues resulting from the 1914 cast iron main in that area. Him and Trustee MacDonald have been thinking about how we might piggyback onto the NOAA project and either replace or renew that piece of old main. It could cost around \$300,000 to replace it with 12" main.

ACTION: Bill to check into pricing for cleaning and lining. Bill also to talk to Doug Reynolds about this issue and if hydrants are needed for this project.

Dry Mills Standpipe:

All work planned will be started in the Spring.

ACTION: None

Master Plan:

The document is ready to post to the website.

ACTION: Office Manager to post Master Plan to website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Solar Farm Request on Former Hall Property:

Pull deed on Hall Property.

Solar Farm Construction at Gray Landfill:

Bill, Mitch and Steve, visited the site. The array is complete and the methods of construction protected the Landfill cap.

Salary Review:

Motion/Second by Edson/Berkowitz to go into executive session per MRSA405(6)(A) at 8:23. Vote to approve was unanimous.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Berkowitz to come out of executive session per MRSA405(6)(A) at 8:54. Vote to approve was unanimous.

Motion/Second by Dunn/Berkowitz to give GWD employees a 1.5% cost of living increase and a 2.5% Merit increase. Instead of the percentage increases our part time laborers will receive a flat increase of two dollars for Tyler and one dollar for Denali. Vote to approve was unanimous.

Personnel:

Motion/Second by Berkowitz/MacDonald to allow the Superintendent to take steps towards hiring an operator.

OTHER:

Next scheduled regular meeting: January 25, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Adjournment: Motion/Second by MacDonald/Dunn. Meeting adjourned 9:10PM

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

- Town sidewalk project (see "Community Presentation on Shaker Road" in Trustee Reports)
- Route 100 TIF (is this Rt 100 South? Probably need to be clear since we are now expecting to have a Rt 100 North project in the next few years will should be connected to the Village TIF)
- Planning for the future/CIP programming
- G.I.S.
- Search for new water source

Respectfully submitted,

Sudiek Lester, Office Manager