

Trustees of the Belfast Water District met at 1:00 p.m. at the Little River Station office. The following were in attendance: Archie Gaul, Henry Chalmers, Bruce Osgood, Eileen Dubinett, Steve Hall and Superintendent Keith Pooler.

The chairman, Archie Gaul, called the meeting to order.

VOTED: On motion by Henry Chalmers, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved; to accept the Minutes of the July 13, 2015 board meeting.

VOTED: On motion by Eileen Dubinett, seconded by Bruce Osgood and unanimously approved; to commit to the Treasurer the water user rates for the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending July 30, 2015.

The Board discussed the date for the next meeting and agreed upon September 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Keith thanked the Board for the recognition of his 25 years employment with the Belfast Water District. Twenty five years has flown by and he is extremely proud of what the District has been able to accomplish in that time. Keith told the Board that he feels a good portion of the credit should go to the board of trustees who have the vision and the drive to do things right. They want to plan for the future and they don't just want to patch up the present.

Archie Gaul asked Keith to arrange for the District's forester, Mark Vannah, to attend a board meeting to review and provide information on the woodlots management. Keith reported that the wood harvest on the Marsano lot located on the Smart Road was not very good because the land has a lot of marshy areas and in order to get to the wood to cut it would have destroyed a lot of property. After discussing the situation with Mark Vannah it was decided to not continue cutting on that lot.

Keith informed the Board that Allen Holmes contacted him about property he wants to sell that borders the Goose River near the Smart Road well. Purchase of some of the land next to the Goose River would increase the wellhead protection area at the Smart Road well. Keith reminded the board that the District had obtained grant money a few years ago to replace above ground oil tanks in the Jackson Pit wellhead area and the Smart Road wellhead area with double walled oil tanks as well as pumping out septic systems. More information will be obtained to provide the board at another meeting regarding the Holmes property.

Keith reported on the following:

Reviewed the project on Washington Street that will take place this winter which will involve the removal of contaminated soils in that area. This work is being paid for by Central Maine Power. The water main will need to be removed while that cleanup is taking place. Water service will be maintained

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during that time and new water pipe will be installed by the contractor. All the work and materials will be paid for by Central Maine Power Co.

Tool truck bid requests have been given to Dutch Chevrolet and Quirk Auto. Keith asked whether the board would want to ask for bids from out of town dealers. The board concurred that the requests should be kept to just the local dealers. Keith indicated that trading with a local dealer is more convenient when it comes to servicing the truck. Bid proposals are due on September 4th.

Reviewed the cost of the tool box for the new truck. Keith recommended a Reading tool box. Included in the quote is a Tommy lift gate to lift heavy materials from the ground to the truck level at a cost of \$2,200. Total cost for the tool box, painted white and installed with the Tommy lift gate is \$10,653. Any other color for the tool box, the cost would be \$13,135.

VOTED: On motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved; to purchase the Reading tool body, painted white, with a Tommy lift gate at a cost of \$10,653.00.

Heard that the Maine Municipal Bond Bank informed the District that the debt service payments on the 2006C loan will be reduced by \$8,874.00 over the remaining life of the loan. This is the second reduction in the debt service payments of this loan made possible by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank refunding issues.

The face of the Upper Reservoir Dam has deteriorated a lot over the years, since it was covered with shotcrete in 1999. The deterioration is especially noticeable over the last couple of years to a point where it is in fair to poor condition. A few weeks ago the 15" gate was opened to lower the water level approximately 8 feet on the backside of the dam to have the District's engineer, Tim Sawtelle, take a look at it. The back side of the dam looks good and does not need any repairs at this time. Tim Sawtelle is working on some ideas for the front side and will get some figures together for the board to review.

Recently the crew has completed the upgraded of a section of the 1" water main in the area of Holmes' Hill on Swan Lake Avenue. The total cost for the upgrade was approximately \$11,000.

The crew has installed four new conduits at the Lincolnville Avenue 1.5M gal storage tank to facilitate anything the District wants to install at that site and for future standpipe tenants wanting to place transmission antennas for cell phone and internet service.

The crew will be starting the project on River Avenue this week. They will be moving the six existing services from the 6" cast iron main and install new service taps in the 12" ductile iron main that is looped with the rest of the system that was previously installed on River Avenue several years ago.

The crew had an emergency turn off for a water service line that was leaking when it was hit by a lawn mower.

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The city's project on the Cross, Spring and Miller Streets area is scheduled to be paved in early September. The paving will involve the Front Street area of Spring Street and Miller Street. The District's contractor has been asked to start a few days earlier than scheduled on Front Street in order to get past Miller Street and Spring Street before they are paved by the city.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



Eileen Dubinett
Eileen Dubinett, Secretary

