

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

VOTED: On motion by Eileen Dubinett, seconded by Henry Chalmers, unanimously approved; to accept the Minutes of the July 28, 2014 board meeting.

VOTED: On motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Henry Chalmers and unanimously approved; to commit to the Treasurer the water user rates for the period beginning 7/1/2014 and ending 7/31/14.

Heard from Cindy Clements regarding the Public Hearing to take place at the Belfast Boathouse on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The District's accountant, Nick Henry, will attend the hearing along with the District Trustees to answer questions the public may have about the proposed new water rates to be effective January 1, 2015.

Superintendent Keith Pooler updated the Board on the following:

The Cross, Spring and Miller Streets water main upgrade project is finished. The work completed total cost was \$300,875. Total payments of \$285,000 have been made with \$15,000 retainage being held for one year. We not only got a lot more footage out of the \$320,000 project by adding 250 ft. of 8" main, 7 ft. of 12" main, 5 – 8" gate valves and 7 new services. There will be a little more cost to cover the engineering of the project. For that amount of money the District was able to get a lot done. Keith informed the Board that the water mains that were replaced in this project area were laid in 1887 and 1888 making them 126 years old. The water mains in this area were grossly undersized, and not lined.

The Seaview Terrace water main replacement project is completed. The cost to complete this project is \$110,000. The initial cost estimate was \$95,000; however, the extra cost is attributable to replacing the main along the entire street with 8" water main instead of reducing to 4" main at the further end of the street. After discussion with the District's engineer about the possibility of being able to loop the water main with the main on Mid-Coast Drive sometime in the future it was decided to install 8" water main on the entire street. Also, an additional fire hydrant was installed as recommend by the fire chief. Also, there will be additional cost for paving at the end of some of the driveways to restore them as they were before the construction project. A total of 884 ft. 8" main was installed, including a new gate valve and fire hydrant and 12 new 1" water services. The original main was installed in 1965. There were four different kinds of pipe of different sizes and there was no way to flush the main. This was a good project to accomplish.

The Front Street water main project is still projected to cost \$630,000 with 2,450 feet of new 12" main, 100 ft. of new 8", 100 ft. of new 6", 100 ft. of new 4" main, 5 new valves, 5 new fire hydrants. This will upgrade the water main on Front Street from Pierce Street to Main Street. This project will help increase the fire flows as well as the water quality in that area. As far as water quality complaints, the

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Front Street area has a couple breweries in the area and the quality of the old pipes can produce dirty water depending on the activity of the water usage in the area.

The area of Front Street from Main Street to Miller Street is an area the District would like to extend the 12" water main to provide a loop in the water system. Keith indicated that the District's engineer will work on a cost estimate for this project and perhaps add it into the original Front Street project.

The project to install new services and connect them to the new water main on Wight Street has resulted in cost increases as it has taken a lot more material because there is water in the street and coming down in the sewer trench. The public works department is aware of it and they are trying to engineer a way to alleviate it. Keith feels if they pave the street without doing something about the drainage it won't last very long. The crew has installed 23 new 1" services and 1 new fire hydrant. The project is expected to be completed this week after tying in the 8" main to Tara Mews. The total cost of the project without including the crew's labor is \$27,000.

The Achorn Road project to renew the water main under the Goose River stream came to \$23,450. There is a little more paving to do and a bit of clean up to be done by the crew.

Keith informed the Board that the installation of the PAX mixer in the Crocker Road tank is still planned for this year. The Utility Service Group recently contacted the District about a fall pricing special of \$33,566 to cover the cost of the PAX mixer and the installation. The original quote obtained earlier this year was \$37,350 if they installed the mixer or \$35,200 if the District installed it. The Board concurred to accept the fall special price of \$33,566.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 29, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

  
for Alton Kenny, Secretary/Treasurer