

Trustees of the Belfast Water District met at 1:00 p.m. at the Little River Station office. In attendance were: Henry Chalmers, Archie Gaul, Eileen Dubinett, Stephen 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 January 12, 2015 board meeting.

VOTED: On motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved; to commit to the Treasurer the water user rates for the period beginning 1/1/2015 and ending 1/31/2015.

The Chairman, Archie Gaul, spoke of the passing of Alton Kenney on February 5, 2015. Alton served as a trustee of the District since 1998. The Board recognized Alton's seventeen years of dedication and service to the Belfast Water District.

VOTED: On motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Henry Chalmers and unanimously approved; to donate \$100.00 to the Shrine's Springfield Hospital for Children in memory of Alton Kenney.

VOTED: On motion by Henry Chalmers, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved; to spend up to \$100.00 to the Shrine Club towards food for the reception after the funeral service.

Eileen Dubinett informed the Board that she conducted a review of the District's bonds. She reported that according to the Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Policy, the files for the seven existing bonds were reviewed on February 9, 2015. The original applications, the Minutes of the meetings approving the action and the supporting documents are in place and up to date.

Superintendent Keith Pooler informed the Board on the following:

Maine Rural Water Association has selected Belfast Water District as the recipient of the 2014 Award for Outstanding Water Operations. A plaque was awarded to the District at the Maine Rural Water Association Annual Conference. Keith informed the Board he plans to make a press release about the award.

On 2/2/15 Patrick gave notice of his resignation effective 2/20/15. Patrick will be taking a job as firefighter/paramedic with the Bangor Fire Department. He has worked for the District for nearly ten years and has been an outstanding employee and earned his Class II Water Distribution and Water Treatment License. Keith reviewed the benefits Patrick is eligible for upon leaving employment. A farewell luncheon is planned for Friday, February 20th to wish him luck and to present him with a plaque recognizing his years of employment with the District.

Keith informed the Board that he plans to take some time with finding a replacement for Patrick's position. In hiring a new person he wants to make sure the needs of the District are considered. Keith

explained that after Patrick completes his two week training his work schedule will be on a shift of 24 hours on, 24 hours off, 24 hours on and then five days off. Keith informed the board that he has accepted Patrick's offer to help the District on a part time basis if needed. With Dick Clements who is a part time employee and assistance from Searsport Water District if there is a leak or other emergency, there would be enough man power to cover emergency situations for the short term. Keith indicated that he plans to hire someone in May.

Keith informed the board about the water main break on the 8" cast iron main located on Waldo Avenue that was repaired on 1/29/15. This was the second leak in the same area in eighteen months. The main is 11 ft. deep and took more time to dig and refill than to make the repair to the main. If this happens again in the future on that same piece of main, we should look at replacing the main that is 11 ft. deep on Waldo Avenue starting at the north end of the overpass and going north to Vine Street approximately 500 ft.

Keith reported that the electrician, Dave Small, has connected the Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) on the pumps and Lincolville Avenue booster station and is ready to have Harland Pease of Industrial Instruments connect the VFD to the S.C.A.D.A system for monitoring.

The crew has been removing snow from hydrants and clearing snow from all of the facilities for the past two weeks due to significant snow falls and they have been servicing equipment and chemical pumps. Very few freeze ups have occurred with just a few broken meter bottoms to be replaced.

The Board discussed plans to install another Pax Mixer in the system. Keith recommended installing a Pax Mixer in the 500,000 gallon standpipe on Lincolville Avenue and will get figures together for the Board.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.


Eileen Dubinett, Secretary