

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, Alton Kenney, Henry Chalmers, 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, unanimously approved; to accept the Minutes of the April 21, 2014 board meeting.

Heard from Natalie Nadeau and Greg Eastman of Camden National Bank about ways the District can maximize the interest it is earning on its deposits with the bank. Greg Eastman of Camden Financial Consults explained to the Board about structured CD's that are FDIC insured and at the end of the term there is a minimum guaranteed return plus the principle balance and provide a higher rate of interest than standard CD rates.

VOTED: On motion from Stephen Hall seconded by Henry Chalmers, unanimously approved; to commit some of the District's funds to invest in structured CD's with Camden Financial Consultants.

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 3/1/2014 and ending 3/31/14.

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 4/1/2014 and ending 4/30/14.

Cindy Clements explained to the Board that the District's schedule of rates consists of quarterly and monthly rates. As the schedule of rates stands, there is no provision to pro-rate charges. The Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) says a water utility cannot pro-rate bills unless it is provided in their tariff for proration of bills or as stated in their terms and conditions. The District can submit a request to the MPUC to revise the current Terms and Conditions to include pro-ration of the rates that would present the customer with a charge that is fair and more accurate than the current schedule of rates allows.

Cindy suggested it would be good to make the revision to the terms and conditions to be effective at the same time the new rates become effective on January 1, 2015.

VOTED: On motion by Stephen Hall, seconded Alton Kenney and unanimously approved; to submit to the Maine Public Utilities Commission the revision to the District's Terms and Conditions to become effective January 1, 2015, as follows:

Proration of Bills: Initial and final bills will be pro-rated against Belfast Water District's approved tariffs and the number of service days in the billing period.

Keith Pooler reported on the following:

On Monday, May 12th the contractor started the water main replacement project on Spring, Cross and Miller Streets. The section of Spring Street from Cross to Front was the first section of main to be installed. That area had a lot of ledge and slowed the process considerably, but they finished installing the main in that section of Spring Street on Friday. Keith informed the Board that the contractor, Eastwood Construction, has a good crew and they are good to work with.

The crew repaired two water leaks on Searsport Avenue and included installing an additional gate valve in the main on the north side of Ryan Road to be able to isolate the water main at the end of the line on Searsport Avenue.

The city will be replacing two cross-over culverts on the Achorn Road near the Smart Road pump station. Because the culvert sits directly on the water main, it will be necessary to replace a portion of the water main. The plan is to pull through the existing 14" main 120 feet of 8" SDR 11 pipe thru the existing 14" main. Keith indicated that he consulted the District's engineer and confirmed that the 8" pipe is sufficient to handle the maximum pumping flow of 1,100 gpm from the Smart Road well. In addition, another gate valve and fire hydrant will be installed in that area. The cost estimate for this work is \$18,400.00. This work will be done in June before the city starts their work to replace the culverts.

VOTED: On motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Henry Chalmers and unanimously approved; to authorize the replacement of the water main on Achorn Road that is directly over the culverts the city will be replacing this summer.

Keith reviewed the projects planned for this year which are estimated at \$173,000 – Pax Mixer for the Crocker Road standpipe \$35,000; Achorn Road water main at the cross-over culvert \$18,400; Wight Street services \$25,000; Seaview Terrace water main upgrade \$95,000. Keith indicated that if the budget gets tight, we can do only a portion of Seaview Terrace this year.

Keith informed the Board that he plans to ask Eastwood Construction to provide a quote for the water main replacement on Seaview Terrace.

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



Alton Kenney, Secretary/Treasurer