

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

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

VOTED: On motion by Eileen Dubinett, seconded by Henry Chalmers and unanimously approved; to accept the Minutes of the September 30, 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 9/1/14 and ending 9/30/14.

The Superintendent, Keith Pooler, reported on the installation of the Pax Water Mixer in the Crocker Road Standpipe. On October 9th the project started with draining the standpipe. It took a while to locate the valve needed to drain the water since it was not included on the construction plans, but was added as a change order to the original plans. It was difficult trying to find it with a metal detector because there is so much metal underground at the tank site. The valve is marked now and drawn on the constructions plans for future reference. Once the tank was drained very little damage was found. In about two or three years this standpipe would be next to re-paint. In the area of the entrance hatch where a handle was installed apparently through the years the ice broke it off and caused the metal handle to scrape the tank when the ice moved up and down in the tank. Before Utility Services installed the mixer they repaired, primed and painted the spots on the tank that the handle damaged. The crew from Utility Services who installed the mixer was very professional and completed the job in a timely fashion. Keith said that he plans to have Harlan Pease of Industrial Instruments tie-in the signal from the Pax Mixer to the SCADA system to be able to monitor the mixer. The Pax mixer will run all the time to ensure the disinfection chemicals are thoroughly mixed as well as preventing ice forming in the tank.

Keith informed the Board that the District has obtained permission to connect the power to the vault at the Crocker Road standpipe through the standby generator Waldo County Communications has on site for their radio communications equipment located on the tank.

Keith explained the next step is to permanently hook the Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) to the pump at the Lincolnville Avenue Booster Station and in the next year highly recommends a second VFD be installed for the second pump at this booster station. By adding the second VFD it will let both pumps run as needed and if there is a call for a higher demand due to a fire or main break, etc., the pumps can come on slowly to make up the difference needed for pumping.

The Crocker Road Standpipe was back in full operation on Friday, October 17th.

Keith informed the Board that several customers have contacted the office about receiving letters and phone call solicitations about water line insurance. The office staff has informed the customers that the Belfast Water District is not affiliated with any insurance company, nor do we tell them that purchasing

insurance is good or bad. We have posted information on the District's website that we can assist the customer to find out the age and type of water service coming into their home. There are a couple of water utilities that are affiliated with water line insurance. It is a guessing game as to how long a water line will last. The cheapest cost is around \$6.00/mo. and some are up to \$30.00/mo. Typically a normal water service could be replaced for about \$2,000.00. Once we assess the condition of the service it is up to the customer to determine what they should do.

Keith reviewed the list of projects completed this year as well as projects planned for next year and the near future. He informed the Board that the District's engineer, Tim Sawtelle, is updating the Capital Improvement Plan projecting out over the next ten years.

Informed the Board of the upcoming Maine Rural Water Annual Conference in Bangor and provided information of the schedule of events.

The crew will be getting ready for cold weather by draining all the fire hydrants. They installed two new domestic water services; one on Perkins Road and one on Union Street.

We did get an inquiry for water service on Mayo Street. At this point there is no water main in that area of Mayo Street due to ledge in that area.

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.


Henry Chalmers, Assistant Sec/Trea