

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
January 9, 2017 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Peter Newman, Peter Savlen, and Dan Lavoie, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting on December 14, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Administrator's Report

Nothing new to report on North Village Road Wells.

Ray reported that Chuck was unable to attend today's meeting due to his water heater emergency. Ray said the new clarifier has stopped working and seems to be bound up; the rotor arm mechanism can't be turned to allow a broken sheer pin to be replaced. Two broken sheer pins have already been replaced, but the entire assembly appears now to be stuck. The clarifier will have to be drawn down to see what the problem is. The old clarifier continues to work smoothly. The rest of the plant's operation is running well.

Both Chuck and Stan are due to take license tests in March.

Ray reported that in discussions with the Town, on the matter of fire hydrants, Tim Allen would like to replace 3-4 per year. Ray said he wanted the Commissioners to discuss this topic and others at the next meeting when Chuck can attend. On the subject of manhole repairs, Ray suggested getting in touch with contractors early to line someone up for the summer season. Ray advised that Horizon Engineering personnel will be here tomorrow at 9:00 to discuss the planned groundwater injection project.

Ray also reported that the hydro-engineer has looked at the previous fire station lot on Main Street and the District's parcel near the Warner River as possible sites for a new well. He had concerns for the former site as to potential bedrock intrusions that would limit the depth of a well that could be drilled there. He said the latter site looked very promising.

The Commissioners discussed the installation of a variable speed motor on the existing wells to improve performance and limit the bubble problem. Also the Commissioners might consider arguing with DES' position re banning floodplain location of a new well. Ray mentioned the purchase and installation of variable speed drives on other pumps at the treatment plant to improve performance, in view of the lower flows being experienced.

Ray reported that the Town has received a bill from Merrill Construction that built the roundabout for \$1,300 associated with the repairs of a sewer pipe that was broken during their excavation on this project. The Town has offered to include \$700 of this amount in their invoice to the State for reimbursement and to split the remainder 50/50 with the Water District. The Commissioners discussed this and asked Ray to get back to the Town with the argument that this was the contractor's fault. Ray will talk to Jim Bingham.

Ray advised that the Budget Committee meets this Thursday. Peter Newman agreed to resume his role on the Committee as the District's representative.

The Commissioners reviewed the revenue and expense reports for the end of 2016. Ray discussed the trend of lower volumes of water supplied and processed at the plant over the past several years as justification for the proposed 5% increases in water and sewer rates.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 A.M. The next Commissioners meeting: 1/23 at 9 A.M.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk