

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
January 23, 2017 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Peter Savlen, and Dan Lavoie, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; Chris Perkins, Treasurer; Chuck Come, Superintendent; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting on January 9, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Superintendent's Report

Chuck Come gave an update on problems with Clarifier #2. He has disassembled the motor and will have it back in working order soon. However, the clarifier rotor mechanism itself is jammed and is out of operation. Chuck plans to dewater the unit as soon as he has excess capacity in the holding tank. Once the clarifier is empty, he will assess what is causing it not to function.

Chuck said he and Stan will begin meter reading this week.

Sludge will also be hauled this week.

Administrator's Report

Nothing new to report on North Village Road Wells.

Discussed the barn property (Reynolds) on West Main Street. Ray has sent letters to the owner concerning payment of the availability charge and to address the apparent lack of a meter on the well on the property. Ray will continue his efforts to make contact with the owner.

On the new roundabout at Exit 9, discussed the breakage by the contractor of the sewer line that connects the system to Evans and the \$1,300 bill submitted by Merrill Construction to cover its cost. Chuck explained again his effort to locate the sewer pipe and warn the contractor as to its likely location. They didn't exercise caution in digging and broke the pipe twice. The Town is looking to pay for the bulk of this cost using excess funds available in the State grant and split the remaining cost of \$600 with the District. Ray will check with Jim Bingham on the status of this issue.

Discussed the need to create better locational information on the District's facilities – water and sewer mains and fixtures.

Ray advised that the Town's Budget Committee will hold its public hearing on the District's 2017 budget on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 P.M. This hearing will also provide residents of the precinct an opportunity to ask questions about the budget and the proposed 5% increase in water and sewer rates.

The District's annual meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Ray confirmed that Peter Newman will run for Commissioner for 3 years; Jim and Chris will run for their 1 year offices of Clerk and Treasurer, respectively. Ray will talk to Kathy Carson about running for moderator for 3 years.

Chuck advised that Horizon Engineering personnel have made some field investigations near the plant for areas that would be suitable for the planned groundwater injection project. A sand pit off of Joppa Road, on the other side of the Interstate Highway looked promising. Of the two landowners in this area, one indicated that installing ponds as a means of injection would not be acceptable, but that the drip method could work. Horizon also looked at the original fire station site, but saw problems in size for this property. There was a general agreement that it was important for the District to be investigating potential injection sites to meet the State's new standards on copper and phosphorous, but that the expense may not be something the District can handle financially.

Ray reported that he had contacted Eversource concerning net-metering payments for electricity

generated at the plant. He was told that there was a delay in getting the proper documentation and that November was the effective date of measuring for this part of the program. Peter S. said that it will take a complete year before the District has a good understanding of the flow of payments and electricity generated.

Ray said he has also been in touch with the organization responsible for the carbon credit program and said the District is in line to receive several thousand dollars annually.

Chuck reported on conversations with a hydro-geologist about the District's well situation. The advice received indicates that the District can continue to use the existing well field. Discussed addressing the pumping problem with Well #1 that creates bubbles in water being supplied.

Chuck said the motor on that well appears to be larger than necessary and that installing a variable speed pump has been discussed on several occasions is a priority.

Ray and Chuck will get together to discuss the budget and look at major improvements needed such as manhole repairs, well pump equipment, etc. and get back to the Commissioners.

Chuck advised that the plant generator continues to require expensive repairs and replacing it should be in next year's budget.

The Commissioners confirmed that they are okay with the bottom line of \$423,383 for the 2017 budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

The next Commissioners meeting: 2/13 at 9 A.M.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk