

RYE WATER DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING
November 13, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.

Attendance:

Art Ditto, Commission Chair
Ralph Hickson, Commissioner
Tom Clifford, Commissioner

Others Present:

Arik Jones, Superintendent
Darren Prince, Asst. Superintendent
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager

I. Call to Order

Chair Ditto called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

II. Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce – Update

Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce, met with the Commissioners to give an update on projects Wright-Pierce has been working on for the District. The Drinking Water Trust Fund has recommended funding for the Water District through their Loan Only Program to cover the Garland Well update and the Wallis Road Project. Final approvals will be voted on at their next meeting in December. Interest rates are expected to be mid-3%. The loan will be run through DES with agreements and paperwork being sent to the District in December. The District will need to run the loan through the warrant article process. It is anticipated that costs for the Garland Well Project will be about \$850,000 with \$45,000 already being spent for design. The Wallis Road Project is estimated at \$400,000 with an anticipated project start date in the Fall of 2020. Mr. Berg will be getting a quote for the Commissioners for a utility survey for the Wallis Road Project.

Referring to the well investigation, Mr. Berg noted the test well drilling, step testing, water quality sampling and the preparation of the hydro report that goes to DES for preliminary review will be about \$76,000 for the Rand site. This number does not include the next steps after the preliminary work, which includes developing this into a source and getting it to production level with an additional report being prepared for DES. For Cedar Run, the estimate is \$128,000 for drilling up to five testing wells and the preparation of the preliminary report.

There was discussion on other potential projects which could be considered for the upcoming budget.

III. Superintendent's Monthly Report; Pumping Chart, and Data Report, and Bacteria Tests for October.

Superintendent Arik Jones presented his monthly report and pumping data for the month of October.

- Parsons Road main break has been repaired, as of the 11th. The system was super-chlorinated, just before this past weekend, and flushed on Monday. Samples will be taken within the week and sent to the lab. If those come back clear, the main will be able to be put back online.
- Resident Patrick Dennehy, Grove Road, called with a concern about a tree that has fallen near his property line. There was some question as to whether the tree is on the Water District's property or Mr. Dennehy's and who would be responsible for its removal. Superintendent Jones noted that he visited the site and it seems to be on Mr. Dennehy's property; however, it is a hard call. The Commissioners agreed that they would be willing to split the cost of removal. Superintendent Jones will follow up with Mr. Dennehy.
- Superintendent Jones has made contact with Mr. Bean, who has expressed some concern regarding access over his property. Mr. Bean will be attending the Commissioner's work session on the 20th to discuss the new well investigation and how it will impact his property.
- Superintendent Jones discussed the boil order signs design and wording with the Commissioners.
- Superintendent Jones noted that he attended the recent Route 1 sewer meeting. It seems that the process is moving forward and seems that the sewer line installation along Route 1 will happen at some time. The installation is being funded by private investors, at this time. There is a process that will need to be followed in order for it to become a public utility.
- The Energy Committee has reached out about the solar array system. They are once again considering the District's property as a potential location. Tom Pfau has been asked to provide the Commissioners with more details.
- New operator, Greg Vaillancourt, will be starting on Monday, November 18th.
- Fall flushing has been completed. The pump-out of the hydrants has also been completed. The finalization of the hydrant winterization will be completed within the next couple of weeks.

There was discussion on the development of a Boil Order Process/Procedure for the District. There was also discussion on the recent boil order from Aquarion Water and how their notification process could be improved to the residents, as well as the Town and District. It was noted the first notification goes to the Emergency Management Manager, Homeland Security Office, in Concord. Communication about the emergency comes from that office to anyone who needs to be notified, so the information is all the same from the State. It was agreed there should be discussion with the Police Chief on how he would like to see the information flow, as far as notification in addition to putting out signs and notifying the State. It was also agreed that a service contract with a company for bottled water may be good to have in place. The District should also have the Town of Greenland on their notification list, as Rye Water supplies water to a section of that town. Superintendent Jones will continue to work on a procedure and policy for the District.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to accept the Superintendent's report for October. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

IV. Review minutes of October 2nd

Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the minutes of October 2, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

V. Correspondence

- None

VI. Treasurer's Report for the month of September

- Not Available

VII. Cash Flow Reports – October

The Commissioners reviewed the cash flow reports for the month of October. There was discussion on the expenses to date in the Engineering line items in the 2019 . The Commission will be working on the 2020 Budget at their work session on November 20th.

Motion by Tom Clifford to accept the cash flow reports for October. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

VIII. Town Planning & Zoning Minutes

There were no areas of concern for the Water District. The Wallis Road Samonas project is scheduled to be before the Planning Board this month. The Falzone Project for Washington Road is also moving through the Planning Board process.

IX. New Business

- Town Newsletter article is due November 15th.

X. Old Business

- **Boil Order Procedure/Policy**
Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Clifford to adjourn at 11:36 a.m. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger