

RYE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
February 6, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.
Rye Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd

Attendance:

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

Others Present:

Arik Jones
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager

I. Call to Order

Chair Ditto called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Superintendent's Monthly Report, Pumping Chart, Data Chart and Bacteria Tests for the month of January.

Superintendent Arik Jones noted that the pumping flows are up slightly from last year. There was a recent fire on Brackett Road, which contributes to some of the increase. There were no reported issues from the Fire Department with the hydrant flow. Mr. Jones reported that a hydrant was recently replaced at the end of Appledore Avenue. He also noted that the office phones have been updated and are now being serviced by Verizon. There were no issues with the water sample results for January.

It was agreed that the monthly pumping charts should be posted to the district's website.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to accept the superintendent's report for the month of January. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

III. Review minutes:

- **January 2, 2019**

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

- **January 30, 2019**

Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the minutes of January 30, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

IV. Correspondence:

- A letter from Kinville was received.

V. Treasurer's Report for the months of November and December

The Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's Report of the months of November and December.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

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VI. Cash Flow Report for January

The Commissioner reviewed the Cash Flow Report for the month of January.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to accept the cash flow report for the month of January. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

VII. Town Planning and Zoning Minutes

- There was some discussion about the new proposal before the Planning Board for the properties located at 410 and 412 South Road. The proposal is to subdivide the parcels into three lots; a lot for each existing home with a new buildable lot being created. There were no concerns or issues with the proposal.
- There were no concerns or issues noted for last month's Planning Board and Board of Adjustment meetings.

VIII. Old Business:

- **Budget Committee Meeting Update**

The proposed 2019 Water District Budget was presented to the Budget Committee by the Commissioners on February 5th. The articles presented were voted for recommendation by the Budget Committee. (The Commissioners reviewed those votes from the Budget Committee with Business Manager, Dyana Ledger.) The votes, with any noted minor grammar corrections, will be made to the warrant before official posting.

The Budget Committee asked the Commissioners for information on the costs and time schedule for the maintenance on the water tanks; Breakfast Hill and Washington Road. The Commissioners requested that the superintendent research this information in order to come up with a projected plan for the Tank Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, which was established for the purpose of maintaining the tanks.

One member of the Budget Committee suggested that the Commissioners consider setting up another Capital Reserve Fund in case the water treatment plant is moved forward. It was felt by other members of the Budget Committee that the fund would not build up enough money to make a difference with the project.

There were no other issues or concerns noted by the Budget Committee.

- **Well Investigation**

In regards to the report from Wright-Pierce regarding a possible future well site on South Road, Chair Ditto stated that he feels this might not be a location to consider at this time because of its proximity to Coakley Landfill. There is not enough information at this time as to how the water is flowing through the bedrock. It may take four or five years to get that information. If the district tries to put in a well in that area, people are going to make the statement that it will become contaminated from Coakley without having any basis for it. He asked the commission if they should move forward on testing the volume of water in that location at this time.

It was the consensus of the commission that the district should move forward with further testing on that site because of the amount of water that seems to be available at this location. The Commissioners also agreed to speak with Attorney Scott in regards to the process moving forward, as this parcel is a privately owned property. Other parcels that have been identified as possible sites are located on conservation land.

IX. Other Business

Superintendent Jones spoke to the Commissioners about a possible new hire for the open operator's position. It was agreed that the Commissioners would meet the candidate at their work session on February 13th.

X. New Business

- There was some discussion on a possible warrant article for 2020 for the cost of replacing one-third of the fire hydrants in the district. This would be over and above the district's normal hydrant replacement. Currently, there are approximately three hundred hydrants in the district. There are about one hundred twenty-eight hydrants that need to be replaced at a cost of \$5,000 per unit.
- There was also discussion on considering an article for the water main replacement at the end of Wallis, near Harbor Road.

These possible articles will be considered again by the Commissioners during the 2020 budgeting process.

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Clifford to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger