

Tri-Town Water District No. 1

Commission Meeting

October 17, 2024

Chairman Darwin Pratt called meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Commissioners present were: Steve Kayhart, Drexel Wheeler, Lance Wood, Ed James and Scott Douglas.

Also present were: Dwayne Roberts, Tricia Gordon and Katie Shimel from Tri-Town Water.

A motion was made by Steve Kayhart, and seconded by Drexel Wheeler to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting. The motion passed.

A Tap-On application was presented by Mike McGrath for a 1” tap on for his daughter who is building a house on Pleasant View Terrace in Addison. Dwayne explained it has a 90 psi with a private pit and ample water per licensed designer information. After a short discussion a motion was made by Drexel Wheeler and seconded by Steve Kayhart to approve the tap-on. The motion passed.

Tricia Gordon reported on Delinquent Account list; Still collecting-just started list with a disconnect date of 11/6/24.

Andre Dubios was present to discuss a tap on request on VT RT 17E in Addison. This comes off from the line regarding the East Street pressure issues. The board discussed where the lines go and alternative solutions. After a thorough discussion it was decided that Dwayne will get pressure info to Andre’s engineer and discuss other possibilities of tapping on to a different line etc. Steve mention that he would feel comfortable with engineer approval for enough pressure and thinks it is okay to approve before next meeting. Steve moves to approve the tap on for the Dubois family based on adequate pressures based on engineer results for the line that comes down 17E; Drexel Wheeler seconded. The motion passed.

A third tap on request by Jonathan (Rizzo) Wieman on Still Meadow Lane in Addison was present by himself to discuss issues with easements and the right away being big enough for a master meter to be installed. Rizzo is asking for to tap on to VT RT 17W. They discussed the neighbors on Still Meadow Lane with conflicting answers of the neighbors agreeing and not agreeing to the water line being installed down the Lane and through some of their properties. Dwayne is not sure if there is enough pressure for all those existing properties to have Tri-Town water, with Rizzo mentioning he is only asking for a tap on not his neighbors at this time. Lance doesn’t see a problem with him having water if all pressure meets the standards. After a long discussion many questions still arose; does the right of way go all the way to Rizzo’s property? Is Tri-Town allowed to put a master pit in a right of way? Who owns the right of way? Therefore Tri-Town needs to make sure of the placement of the pit, that the easements are okay and everything is legal and a line can be ran down Still Meadow Lane...it was suggested we reach out to our lawyer to verify all the documentation etc will suffice. Steps of action include; Rizzo will need to supply maps from his engineer & obtain a lawyer to approve deeds/easements etc. The board would like a professional opinion from Rizzo’s lawyer & engineer saying all will be good, in writing with supporting documentation that we can supply to our lawyer to approve before Tri-Town signs off on the master meter.

Superintendent's report:

The Modine heaters have been installed. The steel doors will be in next week and will be a couple weeks before they install them. The divers came to clean intake, pictures to come. The lower pond has been dug out.

A subcontractor setting poles on Market Rd Bridport drilled through our water line as they never called to have them marked. The bill for this will be paid by Waitsfield Telecom. While fixing that line break a stem snapped on VT RTE 125 so that needed to be replaced as well.

There is a possible leak on VT RT 17W by Steve Kayhart's farm, lots of water is being found in areas. Due to the ledge in this area the leak has not been located yet even with assistance from VT Rural Water to help find. We haven't received any pressure complaints to help detain the leak either. Steve Kayhart had concern it was near his barn affecting his service due to obtained meter readings nothing showing truth in that. Dwayne will continue to search for the water leak in that area.

A couple weeks ago the water plant lost power and the generator ran although quit after an hour of running therefore the control board lost all power; Reliant is coming to check on that and repair.

Pioneer Motors had to come replace the blower motor used to clean the filters/bearings. The last blower was put in 2001, all fixed now.

The clear water got low and issues with filter 1 occurred; the butterfly valve got stuck open so it never closed after washing and the water continued to run and flooded the lagoon-Laramay Water Resources is coming to fix that issue.

It was discussed briefly about the Lead & Copper inventory John and Jeromy have been working on. The deadline has arrived and we have about 95 customers that will be tagged as Unknown, meaning a letter notifying them of this will be sent to those customers and every year thereafter until they are marked as completed; this is a requirement of the EPA. John will be done the temporary position after Friday 11/18. Jeromy will stay to work on our drive-by meter project; the board discussed setting out a structure of time frame to work 6 month commitment), what to pay, mileage etc. Everyone agreed. Lance Wood made a motion seconded by Ed James that we have Chairman and Vice Chairman discusses the commitment and details for meter project with the employee. The motion passed.

It was mentioned that Larry Blacklock passed away and in lieu of flowers to send a donation to the Addison Fire Dept. Ed James made a motion to donate in Larry's name \$300 to the Addison Fire Dept., seconded by Drexel Wheeler. The motion passed. Also sending payment for the few meetings Larry was able to attend in 2024 to his daughter.

Steve made a motion to go into executive session at 7:52 pm, seconded by Lance Wood.

A motion was made by Steve Kayhart to end executive session at 8:45pm, seconded by Ed James.

A pay raise adjustment was give to Tricia Gordon to accurately reflect her contributions to Tri-Town Water; a motion was made by Ed James and seconded by Lance Wood. The motion passed.

There being no further business, Chairman Pratt adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Kindest Regards,

Tricia Gordon

Tricia Gordon-Clerk/Office Manager