

Tri-Town Water District No. 1

Commission Meeting

January 16, 2025

Chairman Darwin Pratt called meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Commissioners present were: Steve Kayhart, Adam Thomann, Larry Simino, Drexel Wheeler, Ernest Audet, Lance Wood, Scott Douglas and Ed James.

Also present was: Dwayne Roberts from Tri-Town Water.

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

Jonathan (Rizzo) Wieman on Still Meadow Lane in Addison was present to discuss the boards concerns from last month's meeting. Rizzo feels that since he has the easement that is his permission to install the line down Still Meadow Lane and feels it doesn't make sense what the board is asking. The board discussed again with Rizzo that a map is needed showing where the pit will be going and would like documentation and permission from the town of Addison and their zoning board. After much discussion, back and forth with options from Rizzo as to where he says the pit can go being Fauller's property, the north or south side of VT RT 17W or Vierzen's property. It was also discussed the language and request of TTW's lawyer regarding the opinion of Rizzo's lawyer; per the board further clarification is needed. Rizzo states that he has done everything TTW has asked and because he has the easement it should be approved. His next steps if TTW does not approve the tap on are to contact local and state officials to report TTW. Finally, the board states what is needed and moves on to the next topic dismissing Rizzo. No motion was made at this time.

Tricia Gordon reported on Delinquent Account list; new list with a shut off date of 2/15/25. Disconnection letters have been mailed.

Regarding hiring a fourth man due to Kevin leaving in the near future due to relocating and Jeromy not being in a long term position, the board feels they should start training for a replacement in order to have another licensed operator in the future. Possibly even a part time at first-employee to train. Dwayne states there is plenty of work and projects for a fourth man to be on duty. The board would like to have a reliable person on board to start the training. TTW will have another licensed operator with Aaron coming due by March of 2026. It was mentioned about buying another vehicle for a fourth employee, maybe a smaller truck of sorts, and more discussion to come. A motion was made by Drexel Wheeler to start the hiring process for another water plant operator; Adam Thomann seconded. The motion passed.

Superintendent's report:

Repaired a leak on Heitman Rd-Bridport; a 4 inch split. Also a couple private line leaks were found and fixed. Per the board's request last month Dwayne has obtained some quotes from a couple other chemical companies; Slack Chemical Co out of Saratoga Springs and Surpass Chemical Co out of Albany NY. Dwayne still needs to compare apples to oranges but discussed briefly some of the chemicals we use and the other companies have different types/brands of the same chemical therefore the solutions would be different. It would be a process to make these changes if switching companies and the savings if any would not be beneficial. No motion made.

A+ Pumps came to repair a raw water pump that had a bad coupling causing the shafts to be out of line, all has been repaired and a they rebuilt a spare shaft to have on hand which is good to have a

spare. Dwayne just got a steel dumpster from Brunet's for a week at the plant to clean up around the building and such.

Dwayne brought up that some customers are refusing to have a new drive by meter put in their house. Some complaints are that the meters are from China and they don't want China listening as well as they do not want the radioactive/air waves etc. Maybe we should have a policy in place regarding the issue. Something to think about possibly charging a fee for the non complaint customers that will require us to read the meters manually. To be discussed more at a later date. Dwayne updated on the High Street issues him and Robert Clark from OCE are working on obtaining the pressure recordings and readings; not all data is finished as of date.

Darwin & Drexel thought maybe an idea of having a capital improvement fund set up where all interest money earned could be saved for future projects etc. Some think it isn't necessary to start a new fund as we have capital improvement funds already. No changes made at this time.

Steve Kayhart makes a motion to go into executive session at 7:10 pm; seconded by Ernie Audet
2nd.

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Employee compensation: Lance Wood makes a motion to adopt the new compensation schedule that was discussed in executive session; seconded by Scott Douglas.

Treasurer position: Lance Wood makes a motion that Darwin and Steve work with treasurer to make a more specific tri town treasurer position/job description; seconded by Larry Simino.

There being no further business, Chairman Pratt adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Kindest Regards,

Tricia Gordon

Tricia Gordon-Clerk/Office Manager