

Tri-Town Water District No. 1

Commission Meeting

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Chairman Darwin Pratt called meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

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

Also present was: Dwayne Roberts, Tricia Gordon and Jennifer Sullivan from Tri-Town Water.

Amendments to the August 2025 meeting minutes: Regarding: *“Rules and Regulations amendments: PG (3) discussed how to keep track of an increase in GPD for customers. Robert Clark recommended that when we write an allocation approval letter for required amount of GPD used it will be on recorded and noted in account. Although this does not help for customers that have been on the system since 1964 therefore they don’t have this type of letter. A motion was made by Scott Douglas to leave this one as is, no changes; seconded by Larry Simino. The motion passed.”* A motion was made by Scott Douglas the above motion is incorrect. Amendment; Scott Douglas makes a motion to add on Page 3 in the Rules & Regulations ‘any increased usage beyond allocation will require approval by the board; Larry Simino seconded. The motion passed.

Tap-Ons:

- Spencer – 22A (2) and Oldstone Rd (1) Addison – Discussion regarding details on the three lots. Larry Simino moves to approve all three lot tap on request; Steve Kayhart seconded. The motion passed.
- Lachat – Main St Shorham – Discussion regarding details on the tap on. 28 GPD, 83 PSI for ¾” tap (60 entering the building). Moved house back and therefor may have even more pressure than that. Drexel Wheeler makes motion to approve; Adam Thomann seconded. The motion passed.
- Gleeson – Orchard Dr Bridport – Discussion regarding detail of the tap on. Ed James makes motion to approve; Drexel seconded. The motion passed.
- Dykema -Norton Town Rd Addison – Discussion regarding detail of the tap on. 130 PSI at location. Steve Kayhart makes a motion to approve; Larry Simino seconded. The motion passed.

Tricia Gordon reported on the delinquent accounts list; Final notices will be hung next week, the list is still being worked on with a shut off date of 10/21/2025.

Superintendent’s report: Market Rd leak 3 inch from 125 side which then goes to a 2 inch male adapter cracked and was repaired. Leak on Richville Rd in a field near Bilodeau’s, Dwayne tested the water coming out of the field and it was Tri-Town’s. Dug up hole in pipe. Dwayne marked it for future issues. Customer was originally going to dig a pond and the pipe was probably leaking for quite some time. Another leak on 22A in Addison was fixed – 12 inch coupling was leaking. Dwayne brought up that while digging the leak on 22A he borrowed from Addison and Pantown some traffic lights which were very handy in the situation. The quote for cost for one unit was \$20,800. TriTown has another dangerous dig coming up therefore looking into purchasing our own but will pass at this time and may have to borrow from Addison and Pantown again.

Dwayne also got a quote for security system at the water plant of \$13,000 and feels it is important to have. If someone broke in, it will page the guys. Drexel Wheeler makes a motion to approve that purchase; Adam Thomann seconded. The motion passed.

Auto flushing hydrants from Gillyons had a trial run but they did not work. The diaphragm inside was broken. Dwayne continues to flush manually. Rob started school and is doing well.

Drive by meters – 73% complete with 1,244 installed and 465 to go! Jeremy has put in 766 himself.

Lucky Dog high usage was discussed noting that a new meter was installed to see where usage is coming from. The new owners do not believe they are using that much water.

Dwayne explained we refused a tap on request for additional water usage on East St due to the moratorium.

Other Business:

Customer Complaint:

Eliza Desatuals would like reduced water rates for seniors on limited incomes who do not use that much water. Eliza also feels that there should be a reduced rate for water you cannot drink due to the failed test. She has been collecting from a spring to drink and has faced hardships and would like this matter to be taken into consideration for fixed income seniors. Board responded by explaining our rates are the lowest in the county and noting that Eliza makes valid points. Discussion regarding the most recent test results followed noting that the Board is taking necessary efforts to combat the test results. Additionally the Board explained the new booster station will be put on Mountain Road which is where she gets her water as she has very low pressure. The base rate went up to help fund upcoming projects to improve pressure rates, etc. The Board will take her information into consideration in the future.

Darwin discussed bond bank payment of approximately \$62,000 coming due soon. Need to move money from the money market to the checking to cover this payment. Drexel Wheeler makes motion to authorize access of funds from the money market to the checking to cover this expense; seconded by Larry Simino. The motion passed.

Personnel: Steve motioned to go into executive session; Seconded by Drexel. The motion passed. Steve makes a motion to leave executive session; Seconded by Larry. The motion passed.

There being no further business, Chairman Pratt adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Kindest Regards, *Tricia Gordon*-Tricia Gordon-Clerk/Office Manager