

Tri-Town Water District No. 1

Commission Meeting

JULY 20, 2023

Chairman Darwin Pratt called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Commissioners present were: Steve Kayhart, Larry Blacklock, Larry Simino, Ed James, Lance Wood, Eric Leonard, and Ernie Audet.

Also present were: Mark Pumiglia, Dwayne Roberts, Tricia Gordon, Mitchell Gallison and Aaron Ouellette from Tri-Town Water.

A motion was made by Larry Simino, and seconded by Larry Blacklock to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 meeting as presented. The motion passed.

A Tap-On application was presented by Robert Clark from Otter Creek Engineering for Nancy Adams for a ¾" tap-on for property in Shoreham. A new single family home will be constructed on the vacant lot at 405 School Street. A motion was made by Larry Simino and seconded by Ernest Audet to approve the Tap-On application. The motion passed.

A Tap-On request was presented by Rick Brisson from Shoreham as they are updating their milking facility which currently has two lines from the original farm house and would like to have a new tap on to the 4 inch line to supply water to the new facility. Customer does not believe the usage will change. Rick had a letter from an out of state engineer, the board thought that was unacceptable and customer must hire an instate engineer in order to get appropriate documentation and engineer approval of tap-on specifications. A 1 ½ "tap on requested for 26,000 gpd for new facility and 15,000 per day for school street farm already currently active. It was suggested for Rick to obtain an engineer then Dwayne has the ok to approve the tap on request before the next board meeting. No motion was made.

A situation was brought to the board's attention regarding this service for the old farm house & farm account that appeared vacant for some time although the barn was using a considerable amount of water. Discussed moving towards the new meter project and replacing all old meters to have the drive by capability will prevent this type of discrepancy in the future. A plan was gathered to devote the majority of time working on the new meter project, starting with larger usage water accounts first.

An update on the Lead & Copper Rule Project: all employees were in attendance to discuss a plan of motion. We have about 80 services already recorded. It was discussed again to focus on meter repairs/updating meters and the lead & copper project at the same time. Steve mentioned if we have adequate laborers to complete this work load, discussed hiring someone to mow lawns and extra maintenance etc to free up our water operators. Darwin & Dwayne will collect a few quotes from local lawn mowing business; board Okayed to go with best quote and not wait until next meeting.

Tricia Gordon updated the board on the fairly short delinquent account list. A brief discussion on tightening up on larger balanced accounts to keep them more current verses always past due and on disconnect list.

Dwayne Roberts reported that DL Thurcott is scheduled to work on the compressors soon. All the EJP SRII meters uninstalled and the meter reading equipment was returned to them as the decision to move forward with Neptune meters was recently decided due to a lack of product from EJP. The credit will be used to by other material/pipe etc and then a refund for the remaining credit will be requested. Regarding the Barnes Bros farm on Lake Street in Shoreham, Robert Clark from O.C.E. reported that a pressure reducer was placed at pit and also one on Watch Point Road, and that data

shows consistent pressure all the time, no fluctuation as to what Tri-Town is providing for water pressure to the ranch. As a result it appears the pressure loss is happening on the customer's line and was suggested to place pressure reducers on the two houses and take off the pressure reducer from the line experiencing the loss. The customer needs to be made aware and understand the risk of too much pressure and what may happen.

Update on Employee Review: Eric Leonard made a motion to go into executive session at 8:20 pm; seconded by Lance Wood.

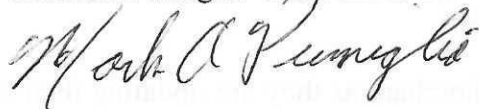
A motion was made by Steve Kayhart and seconded by Ed James to give Aaron Ouellette a .50 cent increase in hourly pay due to his 90 day review (retroactive to 6/20/23).

A second motion was made by Larry Simino and seconded by Steve Kayhart to hire a 4th man/water operator.

There being no further business, Chairman Pratt adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Mark A. Pumiglia-Clerk/Treasurer



Tricia Gordon-Office Manager

