



DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

Dorset Volunteer Fire Dept.
Dorset Water Co.

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

May 6, 2019

Present: Ben Weiss, Chairman (by phone), Milt McWayne, Roger Squire, Abbott de Rham (by phone), Shawn Hazelton (Fire Chief), Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager)

Absent: Steve Jones, J. McGinnis

Others Present: Lee Fox, Greg Kepler (Kepler Engineering), Justine Cook, Virginia Longacre

Ben Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Approval of April Minutes

M. McWayne moved and B. Weiss seconded to approve the April 8, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Preparations for Annual Meeting

B. Weiss opened the discussion by saying that he would like the Board to focus on, determine and recommend which projects they would like to pursue for the water district. All options should be outlined for the meeting. G. Kepler noted that with capital planning there are so many needs, but the outline should give the pro's and con's as a priority list. Concentration should be given to what makes sense as some items are too expensive. R. Gaiotti commented that consideration can be given to shorter term projects – shorter cycles of borrowing money - such as meters which are not part of the wholesale service line replacement. Meters can help with leaks and wasted water (leaking sinks/toilets, etc.) and is less expensive to accomplish. B. Weiss questioned including meters as part of service line replacement – options can be: leaving the status quo, system-wide replacement of old service lines and better leak

detection on service lines. R. Gaiotti stated that larger scale projects such as service line replacement and second storage tank are potential options, but are more likely future, longer term projects. B. Weiss felt that options should be presented and the Board's recommendations given.

R. Squire asked what Dorset's main water problem is – not enough water, leaks, etc. G. Kepler replied it could be leaks, wasted water in houses, unknown water uses – all of which can be quantified by meters on the houses. Meters give data and then things can be chased down after analyzing the data. R. Gaiotti agreed that leaks could be tracked down faster and more effectively with meters along with giving equity in billing. J. Cook asked if leaks were the predominant problem, assuming that the water source is adequate, or service lines. R. Gaiotti responded that service line replacement is hundreds of thousands of dollars versus an estimated one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for meters which would help discover some of the problems. The cost of the new gravel packed well water resource has caused the original project to exceed the estimate for last year. The first well had plenty of water, but quality was the issue triggering a new gravel packed well to be drilled. G. Kepler remarked that the State required a second water source to augment the existing reservoir especially during drought conditions.

Discussion included: testing new well, leakage versus waste water, peak usage during day & night, using Matchpoint for more leak detection, survey of where service lines are located, and information known on replaced service lines & curb stops (58 curb stops are mapped).

Engineer's Report (Kepler)

G. Kepler's report included:

- Capital Planning & Cost Estimating which listed six potential improvements and estimated costs for each.
 1. Replacement of service lines & meters
 2. Booster station for low pressure area in Barrows Heights
 3. Replacement of multi-use service line with mains
 4. East side tank alternatives (3) – hydraulically modeled
 5. Replacing all water mains
 6. Extending water line to Raptor Lane/potential spring source

Each item was discussed for benefits and cost factoring for the entire district with the thought that all the projects cannot be done at one time or be of value to all water users. Detailed cost estimates were included for review. It was noted that the Raptor Lane proposal was extremely expensive and the State does not consider springs as a good water source.

- Metering Station Information ~ night time base flow rates have been significantly lowered. Two substantial leaks were fixed.
- Gravel Test Well Status ~ Water quality is generally good. Conventional filtering will be needed, but not major treatment.
- Draft DWSRF Priority List ~ Dorset is high on list of fundable projects & will remain in que if funding is pursue for 2020.

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M. McWayne moved and B. Weiss seconded to approve the Engineer's Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

M. McWayne moved and A. de Rham seconded to approve hiring Matchpoint Water Asset Management Inc. for an additional week of specifically focused leak detection. Motion carried 4-0.

Water Operator's Report (McGinnis)

None submitted

Fire Chief's Report (Hazelton)

S. Hazelton reviewed the list of fire calls between April 6th and April 28th. Three false alarms were reported. A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to approve the Fire Chief's report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Water Manger's Report (Gaiotti)

R. Gaiotti reported the Planning Loan Amendment has been approved and he has been involved in preparation of annual meeting information. Transition to Simon Operations from J. McGinnis for performing weekly water operations has been accomplished. They will continue to work on leak surveys and monitor the Blue Siren system. Annual Consumer Confidence reports will be mailed soon.

Research of low pressure alarms to be installed at the metering station to warn for low reservoir water is to be done. G. Kepler added that a chlorine reader should be added at the same time to the metering station.

A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to approve the Water Manager's Report as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

DFD Finance & Manager's Report:

R. Gaiotti presented the monthly financial reports for DFD noting the bank balances and net positions for the water and fire accounts. There are eight delinquent water accounts. Approval of Planning Loan amendment is still pending.

J. Cook opened up a discussion of firefighting capabilities with regard to water, such as basket systems, hydrants, tankers, & hose.

A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to approve the Finance & Manager's Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. A local realtor has inquired about purchasing the old fire house on Route 30 near the library. R. Gaiotti noted that there is a specific process that needs to be followed in order to sell the building.
2. Interest was expressed by someone to purchase the brush truck as a parts machine. S. Hazelton said that the truck only has 6,000 miles on it and is a 1972 or 1974. M. McWayne stated that the truck should be put out to bid at fair market value as the truck has low mileage, is in good condition and is fairly collectible as an older truck. He will research resale value on the brush truck.
3. B. Weiss verbally gave permission to use the signature stamp on the accounts payable checks.

M. McWayne moved and A. de Rham seconded to adjust the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano

Town of Dorset ~ Dorset Fire District #1

Date 5/6/19

Regular Meeting X
 Special Meeting _____

(Please Print) Name	Mailing Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes/No)
Lee Fox	PO Box 1011	Self	No
Greg Kender		DFD#1	Yes
Shawn Hazelton	433 Pauls way	DFD#1	Yes
Virginia Longacre	2533 Rt 30	self	No
Justin Cook	P.O. Box 536, Dorset	self	No