Tri-Town Water District No. 1 Commission Meeting November 16, 2023

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

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

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

A motion was made by Larry Blacklock, seconded by Larry Simino to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023 meeting as presented. The motion passed.

No new Tap-On's were received this month.

Katie Shimel from Bridport came to meet the board of commissioners as she will potentially be taking over the treasurer position for Mark Pumiglia who will be retiring after this year. The voting for treasurer, clerk and moderator for ensuing year will take place at the annual meeting in December.

Tricia Gordon reported that the Delinquent Account list from last month had all been collected as required and a new shorter list was generated for a disconnect date at the end of December and will report back at December meeting.

Darwin Pratt brought up the possibility of installing heat pumps at the Tri-Town Water office. A short discussion to obtain a couple quotes; one being through our current fuel company Champlain Valley Plumbing & Heating. A motion was made by Larry Blacklock to obtain quotes and pursue with the heat pumps, seconded by Larry Simino. The motion passed.

The budget for fiscal year 2023/2024 was presented to the board with a 2% and 3% increase based on previous month's expenditures. The board discussed each account in order while giving input and suggestions to change accordingly. The final budget was determined with a projected profit of \$22,300.

Aaron Ouellette covering for Dwayne during his vacation reported the superintendent's report; the guys have been working on seasonal account shut offs, repairing some curb stops and winterizing all hydrants. LCS was called in for some minor problems with the filters due to Lake Tempatures changing and filters getting clogged, a good cleaning and everything was good. They installed a turbidity meter which has been great. LCS also mentioned our need for a 4th filter was very important. A tap-on was performed on 22A in Addison, all went well. The lead & copper project has been on hold this month but will be getting back on track soon. Steve asked about the new drive by meters and the process of that; Trish reported that all was being worked on regarding computer software files and that soon we will be able to obtain some reads electronically for billing which is very exciting and the project is moving in the right direction.

There being no further business, Chairman Pratt adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Mark A. Pumiglia-Clerk/Treasurer

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Tricia Gordon-Office Manager