# BEAVER FALLS WATERWORKS DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES April 12, 2022

## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 pm**

#### ATTENDANCE:

Chair, Harold Walker; Trustees, Laurie Moore, Vicky Poulsen, Jeff Papilion, Ellen Vallie; Secretary Treasurer, Shirley Fletcher Water Operator, Wendy Settle Bookkeeper, Angelica de Groot. Guests, Marla Papilion, Marla Walker; Roger Poulsen, Jason Moore, Rod Haines, Monica Haines, Len Vallie, Donna Henschell, Brian Dower, Don Fitzpatrick, Johanna Verbeek, Barb DeFerro.

## WELCOMING

Chair, Board of Trustees, Ratepayers Introductions made by Harold Walker

## **READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Motion by Jeff Papilion to accept July 22, 2021, minutes. Seconded by Laurie Moore. Carried.

### **BUSINESS:**

## **Chair Report**

In May Mountain Logic Solutions put a new level sensor into Reservoir #2 at a cost of \$2,800.00 In July, Precision Pumps replaced the pump in Well #1 with a submersible pump as the old pump was failing. The cost of replacement was \$23,740.00.

In Sept, we had a main valve water leak on the corner of Highway 3 and Bluebird Corner.

## **Water Operator's Report**

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month water samples are taken to make sure our water is in compliance with the Drinking Water standards, and we have had no issues with the water. Spring and fall it is requested by IHA that we do a chlorine flush on the system this is to prevent any growth of E.coli, bacteria, in our lines.

In 2021, we installed a new submersible pump and motor in well 5 as the old on was not worth rebuilding for about the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, at that time we also did a chemical flush on the well as the well has been declining quite a bit through the years. The well did not come back as we were hoping, so our next step is to have a hydrologist come in and start the process in drilling a new well, the pump and motor that we purchased will be reset in the new well. This is going to take some time but would like to see possible having it by the end of this year. We have a technical company that looks after our SCADA system and is also our go to for level sensors, ups, and a lot of electrical pertaining to our wells so they keep everything up to date and in good working order.

There are a few very large projects that we will have to look at in the not-too-distant future like a new line from the Lions Park to Beaver Road, Right now is just a thin-walled PVC piping with glued fittings it has been in the ground since the 1970s. The other is the well and redoing our Capital Expenditures report. These are all costly things along with the well so until they are done, we are trying to limit our spending and keep the water flowing. We have had a couple of small water repairs but all in all we are doing good at this point.

#### Financial Statements:

Angelica de Groot of Angelica's Bookkeeping Company our independent bookkeeper explained the consolidated financial statements completed by Grant Thornton and that the in the auditor's opinion the financial statements are a fair representation of the workings of the district for 2021. It is recommended by Grant Thornton that we continue to raise the Taxes and Tolls, so we have money to put aside for future larger projects, such as the line replacement and well replacement.

M/S Vicky Poulsen/Ellen Vallie to accept Grant Thornton for auditor for 2022. Carried.

The 2022 budget for the year was also presented and explained. M/S Donna Henschell/Marla Walker to accept the 2022 budget. Carried.

### Trustees Honorarium:

M/S Marla Walker/Len Vallie that all Trustees, be provided with an honorarium equivalent to the Water Tolls for 2022 (\$542.00). Carried

#### Plans for Year 2022

- To install a new well
- Reservoir rehabilitation
- Continue with locating and replacing valve boxes
- Install porta potty at the pumphouse

#### Questions:

What are we replacing the white PVC pipe with on the highway? BCWWA C90 thick wall blue brute pipe.

How deep do the wells have to go?

One of our wells in 60ft the other is 80ft they are shallow however, well 2 pumps 300 gallons per minute.

How come we can't just replace to screen on the well instead of digging a new one? The screens are stainless steel and welded into place and meant to stay in place.

When will the new well be started? Hopefully by Fall.

How do you search for a water shut off?

We use a pin finder, or witching rods. Lots of the valve boxes and pvc pipe are hard to find as most are broken off.

## **Election of Trustees:**

Election of Trustees for 2022 was held. Two Trustee positions were available, and three (3) nomination forms were received.

Jeff Papilion was re-elected for a 3-year term as Trustee.

Harold Walker was re-elected for a 3-year term as Trustee.

# Adjournment at 7:31 pm