

Summary of Water Board Meeting August 19, 2021

Thank you for attending today's very productive meeting. A lot of very relevant information was provided, along with some great questions and discussion as we move forward on some vital issues. A summary of some of those topics is as follows:

1. Hayes Ave. – this project is completed except for a final test and programming of the generator to ensure that the pumps are running at an efficient/effective rate.
2. Pine St. water tank – the interior work has been completed so that the tank is now being filled – it will be inspected next year so that any problems can be repaired. Also, the middle tank (#3) will be ready for the same repair process next year and will be sent out to bid then. The generator must be replaced and the bid for that will be going out shortly.
3. Alternative well sites – under the guidance of Hunt Eng. a contract has been submitted for the company of Hansen Van Vleet to survey and provide an overview of our water system in order to provide us with some viable sites for new wells (Phase 1) Also within this contract is Phase 2 which would provide the drilling and testing of 2 wells. The board instructed Kevin to address Hunt Eng. over some language/details of the contract before it is agreed to.
4. The flushing of hydrants is scheduled to begin on Sept. 23.
5. Nanticoke Creek/Glendale pipe repair negotiations with the DEC are ongoing.
6. The Smith Dr. project under the guidance of Griffiths Eng. should go out for bid by Sept. 1.
7. The board authorized Anthony to move forward with the bond that would purchase new residential meters (9000) and commercial meters (248). A bid then will be sent out for the installation of them.
8. If JC water remains off line for an extended period and we are unable to purchase water from them, we will have to revisit the current rates that we pay.
9. *** For the Oct. mtg. – the board will discuss the proposal to add to the water rates for 2022 a monetary sum that would be put into a capital improvement fund. Also, we should identify the projects and how they would benefit our customers. For example, a \$25 increase per bill = \$50 per year would provide \$725,000 in the capital improvement fund.
10. *** The Water Board recommends with respect to the Altura Apt. Complex that the contract with the owner/developer states that anything involving water needs such as but not limited to hydrants, pumps and pump stations, meters, water mains and connections should be paid for and maintained by the owner/developer.