

**Emerald Lake Village District  
Business Meeting  
February 6, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Chairman Stankunas, Commissioners Adams and Sylvia present. Treasurer's report- NO checks issued in January until the 2004 Warrant has been approved at Annual Meeting.

**Water System**- To satisfy the Department of Environmental Services water regulations, the district needs to address the issue of fluoride and arsenic levels found in our water supply that exceeds the current state regulations. Paul Sirois presented treatment options to the residents of Emerald Lake District. Paul Sirois explained there are two methods available to remove the fluoride and arsenic. A company will come in and bench test both types to see which one is best. Ion exchange pulls out arsenic and fluoride with anions and cations then the water continues through a brine system. The other option is Activated Alumina. The arsenic and fluoride stick to that media and when the media is used up it can be simply thrown away. Paul Sirois explained that they would investigate further and run more tests to see which method is the best and also determine the exact type of arsenic that we are dealing with. Then we can see which system will work the best for our supply. One method may be more expensive as a capital cost but lower O&M. The other may be cheaper as a capital cost but more expensive over time with O&M. Neither of these systems creates a biohazard that would cost the district additional money for disposal. Paul Sirois suggested engineering contracts need to be executed at this point to determine the design.

Paul Sirois will notify us if he can find any federal or state grants we may qualify for.

**Land Acquisitions**- Commissioner Stankunas will talk to legal counsel to see how we can proceed with any actions.

**New Business -**

New officers sworn in for 2004.

**Constitution of Board**- Commissioner Silva requested a closed session and asked commissioners to sign a policy. Commissioner Silva offered to volunteer as new district chairman. Commissioner Silva announced at this time during the meeting, he found evidence of inappropriate use of the district computer by Commissioner Ray Stankunas. Chairman Dick Adams nominated Ray Stankunas as the new district Chairman of ELVD. Chairman Stankunas nominated Dick Adams as Co-Chairman.