



EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT MINUTES FROM JULY 7, 2006, MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm, with Co-Chairs Joseph Statkus and Deborah Gilbert present.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

The Board went over the payment and payroll manifests. Commissioner Statkus made a motion that the manifests be accepted; seconded by Commissioner Gilbert. There being no further discussion, the manifests were approved 2-0. Commissioner Statkus read and explained the items on the manifests to the residents present at the meeting.

The Clerk read the minutes from the June 2, 2006, monthly meeting. Commissioner Statkus made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read along with the minutes from the May 18, 2006, water meeting, which had been reviewed by the Board previously; seconded by Commissioner Gilbert. Approved 2-0.

Commissioner Statkus presented the contracts from Natgun for the 150,000-gallon water tank costing \$375,000. There was no change from the letter of agreement signed by the Board members previously. Commissioner Statkus made a motion that the Board authorize him to sign the contract; seconded by Commissioner Gilbert; approved 2-0.

Commissioner Statkus reported that the work on the transmission line from the Mary Rowe well to the treatment center is scheduled to begin on July 12. Drinking water was trucked into the District beginning over the July 4th weekend. Drilling of the new well will begin this fall. A resident asked what is being done to address the leaks in the water system. Commissioner Statkus stated that several had been repaired in the last several weeks, including leaks on Old Lantern, Pine Glen, and Raccoon Alley. Leak testing is also required every two years by the State; a leak-detection test will be performed when the new well is drilled. He also reminded residents that 2,000 feet of 2-inch water mains will be replaced with 4-inch pipes when the transmission line is built.

Commissioner Statkus filed a restraining order at Superior Court on behalf of the District against Mr. Mello, barring him from entering any Village park, due to a number of complaints from residents that he has been taking photographs of people at Eastman Park. The police have been called on several occasions, and statements have been taken. The hearing that was scheduled for July 6 has been continued for 2 weeks. There may also be criminal charges pending against Mr. Mello. Commissioner Statkus made a motion that the District retain a law firm to represent the District in this matter. Commissioner Gilbert asked about the cost. Commissioner Statkus estimates that it will cost "a couple of thousand" dollars. Commissioner Gilbert seconded the motion; approved 2-0.

Commissioner Statkus announced that a resident had purchased a raft at a cost of \$750 for the Emerald Beach. A resident stated that the raft at Eastman Park sinks when people get on it. Since this raft was purchased last year, Commissioner Statkus said that he would check it for defects and possibly return it for a refund. He also

made a motion that the District purchase another yellow raft from Bickford's. Commissioner Gilbert asked if the District could afford it; Commissioner Statkus replied in the affirmative. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Gilbert seconded the motion; approved 2-0.

Commissioner Statkus reported that by December 31, 2006, the District will have paid back the short-term loan from Sovereign Bank and replaced the FEMA money that was used for current expenses. A separate account has been set up for the \$8,000 in FEMA money received from the State. He also estimates that there will be between \$70,000 and \$150,000 in operating account at that date.

Commissioner Statkus announced that the outlet bridge has been closed at the recommendation of the State, because the culvert is badly damaged. The new bridge will be a cement box culvert. Commissioner Gilbert asked if Meridian would build the new bridge. According to Commissioner Statkus, Meridian is responsible for the design and permits only. The project will need to be put out to bid next year. A resident asked if another bridge closed sign could be put up further from the bridge. Cement barricades are also needed; Commissioner Gilbert will check into this. It was also suggested that an authorized personnel only sign be put up near the bridge, to deter people from going under the bridge.

A question was asked about when the fence would be put around Eastman Park. Commissioner Statkus stated that Peter Mellen needs to survey the area first.

Commissioner Statkus stated that he and the District treasurer had discussed hiring a Certified Public Accountant to handle all tax-related matters for the Village, including filing prior-year tax forms that were never completed. The treasurer suggested Charles Van Horn, CPA, in Antrim. Commissioner Statkus made a motion that the District hire a CPA to oversee all tax matters for the District; seconded by Commissioner Gilbert; approved 2-0. The treasurer will contact Mr. Van Horn about taking this on.

Commissioner Statkus received a report from Bill Shee regarding the District's trust funds. He read the names and amounts to the residents.

Commissioner Statkus updated the residents on the status of items in the minutes from last month's monthly meeting.

1. Regarding the Jerry Burnham memorial, Commissioner Statkus got a price on the lettering of \$97 for the first four letters and \$3 per letter for each additional letter.
2. The court date for the lawsuit by the former District secretary is set for March 2007. The hearing regarding her unemployment compensation is scheduled for August 1.
3. When Commissioner Statkus resigns, the remaining Commissioners must agree on someone to take his place. Troy Cornock is reported to be interested in the position.

Treasurer Clare McCarthy distributed the quarterly Treasurer's Report.

QUESTION-AND ANSWER PERIOD:

There being no other business, Commissioner Statkus opened the meeting to questions and comments from residents.

1. A resident asked that signs be posted on the beaches with hours and rules, as there have been a number of

dogs on the beaches. Commissioner Statkus sent an e-mail to Patrick Burke, a local sign painter. There was a question of whether there is an RSA that could be included on the sign.

2. A question was raised about water permits and how far ahead they have been spoken for. Currently there are four people on the unofficial list for 2008.³ The question of a growth management ordinance was also raised.

There being no further business, Commissioner Statkus made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Commissioner Gilbert. Approved 2-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nan McCarthy, District Clerk

Approved:
Deborah Gilbert, Co-Chair
(signature on original)

Joseph Statkus, Co Chair
(signature on original)

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