



EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 1, 2006, MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm, with Commissioner Troy Cornock and Chair Deborah Gilbert present. Also present were Clerk Nan McCarthy, Treasurer Clare McCarthy, and Moderator Paul Sylvia.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Gilbert read the items from the payment and payroll manifests. She made a motion that the manifests be accepted; seconded by Commissioner Cornock. There being no further discussion, the manifests were approved 2-0.

The Clerk read the minutes from the November 3, 2006, monthly meeting. There were several updates to the minutes. Skip Edwards and Water Systems Operators will fill the new water tank and install the piping, at a significant savings to the District. Commissioner Gilbert announced that Bob Anderson at DRA suggested scheduling the budget and annual meetings at a later date. According to RSA 52:12, the annual meeting can be held at any time between January 1 and May 1; this change can be made without voting on it. The new dates will be announced. Treasurer Clare McCarthy reported that she had spoken with Bob Anderson; the water bond cannot be used to deepen an existing well. This money can be used for new wells only. The money appropriated for operating expenses for the water system can be used, if the funds are available. Commissioner Cornock asked for a clarification regarding whether there will be a fence around the water tank or just a gate; Commissioner Gilbert stated that it will be a gate only. Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that the minutes be accepted; seconded by Commissioner Cornock. Approved 2-0.

Commissioner Gilbert reported that Natgun had quoted a price of \$32,150 to fill the water tank and install the piping; Skip Edwards and Water Systems Operators will now be handling this. She also stated that two other potential well sites have been identified near the tank. Jerry Pothier asked if the tank would result in better water pressure. According to Commissioner Gilbert, the water pressure may improve on Patten Hill, but will probably not have an impact elsewhere in the District.

Commissioner Gilbert reported that a meeting is scheduled with the Cassie family for next Saturday, December 9, at 9:00 am, to discuss the new well site. The results of Donald Mellen's survey will be presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Gilbert announced that the bench for Jerry Burnham has arrived, Tom Kuck has installed the platform, and Paul Sylvia obtained the epoxy and is waiting for a dry day, so that the bench can be installed. After the prep work is complete, there will be an announcement in the paper about the dedication ceremony.

Commissioner Gilbert reported that Tom Kuck pulled the rafts out of the lake and extended a thank you to Tom

for taking care of this.

Commissioner Gilbert stated that she has sent a letter to the distributor about the phone books being left around the mailboxes. She is planning to send a second letter via certified mail. She will remove the phone books during the upcoming weekend.

Commissioner Gilbert announced that the exhaust fan for the treatment center has arrived and will be installed shortly.

The Treasurer stated that the balance in the District's checking account as of November 21, 2006, was \$56,974.65. She also reported that she called Sovereign Bank today about the payoff amount on the loan; however, she hadn't heard from the bank as of the time of the meeting.

QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD:

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

1. Dick Cullen asked if the light near the mailboxes could be repaired. Commissioner Gilbert stated that she will check the bulb. She noted that the mail carrier sometimes shuts it off; she will remind her not to do this.
2. Don Dwarska asked what had happened to Commissioner Fred Sanborn. Commissioner Gilbert stated that he resigned.
3. Dick Novak brought up the fact that the District needs a place to do business within the District. He also stated that if the Board negotiates with ELPOA for their building to keep in mind that ELPOA did not pay taxes for over 27 years, claiming to be a non-profit organization. The Town can only go back 3 years when collecting back taxes.
4. Dick Cullen asked about the status of the court cases. Currently, Ray Stankunas's case has been postponed. Joe Statkus's case will be held after the conclusion of the Stankunas case. Sharon Lindstrom's case may be settled out of court.
5. Dick Cullen asked if Joe Statkus had returned all District property in his possession. According to Commissioner Gilbert, he turned over all items to the auditors; the audit of the District is being performed at the present time. Commissioner Gilbert stated that she would also like a forensic audit to be conducted. Clare McCarthy said that the cost of a forensic audit may need to be done through a warrant article. Commissioner Cornock asked if the District had any recourse if the forensic audit revealed evidence of wrongdoing. Commissioner Gilbert stated that the District would pursue any findings of this nature.
6. Don Dwarska asked about plans for repairing the outlet bridge. Commissioner Gilbert stated that the repairs are scheduled for next spring. The bridge will cost approximately \$60,000; the District has received \$46,000 in Federal FEMA money and an additional \$8,000 from the State. The District is responsible for the remaining cost. Paul Sylvia stated that the District's contribution can be in kind, rather than money.

There being no further business, Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Commissioner Cornock. Approved 2-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan McCarthy

Approved:

Deborah Gilbert, Co-Chair
(signature on original)

Troy Cornock, Commissioner
(signature on original)

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