



EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT MINUTES FROM JANUARY 5, 2007, MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm, with Commissioner Troy Cornock and Chair Deborah Gilbert present. Also present were Clerk Nan McCarthy and Treasurer Clare McCarthy.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Gilbert read the items from the payment and payroll manifests. Commissioner Gilbert 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 December 1, 2006, monthly meeting. Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read, as well as the minutes from the October 24, 2006, administrative meeting; seconded by Commissioner Cornock. Approved 2-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The first item of business was an application for a driveway permit for property on Autumn Road owned by Greg Gaultiere. Commissioner Cornock stated that he had inspected the property. Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that the permit be approved; seconded by Commissioner Cornock. Approved 2-0.

Commissioner Gilbert presented an update on the Jerry Burnham memorial. The bench has been installed. An announcement will be published in the paper in the next several weeks, giving the date and time of the ceremony. Don Dwarska asked about landscaping and if the District needs to obtain permission from the Highway Department, since the area is right next to the road. Commissioner Gilbert stated that there will be a tree, grass, flowers, and steps leading down to the bench. She will check with Bill Goss as to whether permission is needed from the Highway Department.

Commissioner Gilbert announced that the District has a new well that is pumping over 25 gallons per minute at 600 feet. A second well is being dug, which should be completed next week. According to Commissioner Cornock, with the new wells, it will take only four days to fill the storage tank. Both wells are on District property near the new storage tank. A third site is under consideration; however, easements are required from four people, and, to date, the District has been unable to obtain a response from two of the individuals.

Don Dwarska asked about the status of the gate to be installed at the storage tank by Rene Boucher from the Tri-County ATV Club. According to Commissioner Gilbert, he is still looking for a large enough gate to fit the space. Mr. Dwarska asked if the water ban will be lifted now the District has two new wells; Commissioner Gilbert stated that it is too soon to determine this.

QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD:

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

1. Don Dwarska asked about filling the vacant commissioner spot. Commissioner Gilbert replied that she and Commissioner Cornock have discussed it. She also noted that there will be two vacancies for the upcoming election, as Commissioner Cornock was appointed to fill in only until the next election. Clare McCarthy asked about the terms for the two vacant slots. Commissioner Gilbert stated that one is a one-year term and the second is a three-year term.

2. Clare McCarthy gave the Treasurer's Report. As of December 31, 2006, the District had \$5,861.86 in the operating account. She also reported that the Sovereign Bank loan has been paid in full.

3. Commissioner Gilbert announced that the locks on the treatment center and the mailboxes would be replaced tomorrow. A future project will be to have the Emerald Lake sign moved from the treatment center to a location on Gould Pond Road at the entrance to the District.

4. Dick Novak brought up the subject of having a building constructed in the District for offices and meetings or expanding the treatment center building to include a meeting room and offices, as he believes it would improve attendance at District meetings. Another possibility might be to rent an office trailer as was done in the past. Christina Barss asked about handicap accessibility. Commissioner Gilbert stated that this would be required. Don Dwarska asked if the District was still planning to move the mailboxes to the area near the treatment center. Commissioner Gilbert is still planning to do this. Christina Barss suggested having several different proposals for a meeting house for the voters to choose from. Mr. Novak brought up the possibility of purchasing property that had been foreclosed on.

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 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nan McCarthy

Approved:

Deborah Gilbert, Co-Chair
(signature on original)

Troy Cornock, Commissioner
(signature on original)

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