



## EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT MONTHLY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING JUNE 1ST, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Chairman Deborah Marshall-Gilbert and Commissioners Bob Hutchinson and Karen Booth were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance recited, and there was a moment of silence to honor our service personnel. The minutes of the Water Rate Review Meeting of April 26 were read, as well as the May monthly meeting minutes, and the minutes of a Water System Administrative Meeting with DES on May 8th were read.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Chairman Gilbert read the payments manifest, and made a motion to accept the manifest as read. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion. There were several questions regarding expenditures. A question was asked about the size of the payment to Edwards Excavation, and it was answered the payment was for more than one month, also Skip had logged a lot of extra hours repairing recent flood damage to the roads. There was another question regarding payments to WSO with a similar answer—during March and early April WSO had undertaken a lot of extra work; tracking down an unusual number of severe leaks. This work had entailed unanticipated costs for fuel and excavation for fixing street main breaks.

Chairman Gilbert mentioned that we are still waiting on the annual minutes. She also said a letter had been sent to the town office to request that the link from the town's web site to the District's be updated to reflect the new domain name & web site.

Commissioner and Richard Booth gave a brief update on the outlet bridge repair project. As abutters, they had met with Tim Ferwerda of Meridian Land Services to review the Wet Lands Permit Application and other documentation being submitted to DES. They said that if all went well the bridge should be repaired and back in service by Fall.

Chairman Gilbert went over the contents of a letter received from Rick Skarinka of the Dept. of Environmental Services – Water Supply Engineering Bureau (DES-WSEB) regarding the highlights of administrative order being implemented by DES-WSEB toward the Village District. Rick Skarinka was present and addressed those present, briefly explaining the history of the District's water issues, saying that they had developed over a long period of time. He said that there were many contributing factors that had created the problem, and that the solution would require concerted effort in several areas for years to come. He also said that that the state would be giving the District a task list & time table to accomplish them, and that he felt that the board was making good progress given the lack of full time paid staff.

There was a brief discussion about the water ban that has been in place since April 2006. It was mentioned that there will soon be a notice sent to all water user's residences to remind water users of the ban, and to give written notice & warning residents water ban violators will be subject to monetary fines. The same notice has

been posted on the mailboxes and on the District web site emeraldlakevillage.net.

Chairman Gilbert gave an update on the new well and storage tank system tie-in. Both should be available for peak demand season in June and July.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Two driveway permits were approved 3 to 0, one for Pinard on Patten Hill Road, and another for Martin on Winter Street.

It was mentioned that there would be no refuse barrels placed on the beaches this year because there would be no dumpster, as the District no longer has an office in the village. Park visitors should Carry In Carry out.

Commissioner Gilbert mentioned that there had been a lot of work done to fix park flood damage and to get the parks open, mostly by Commissioner Hutchinson and Tom Kuck who also put some new boards in the dam. Commissioner Gilbert asked for those present to give thanks to both.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Sylvia

Approved:

Deborah Gilbert, Co-Chair  
(signature on original)

Bob Hutchinson, Commissioner  
(signature on original)

Karen Booth, Commissioner  
(signature on original)

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