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Emerald Lake Village District

Hillsborough, New Hampshire, 03244

ELVD Workshop Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Attendees in Person:

Brett Taber, *Chairman*
Sara Auger, *Commissioner*
Mark Martin, *Commissioner*
Deb Kardaseski, *District Administrator*
Shawna Kilcoyne, *Treasurer*
Rick Rose, *Clerk*
Eileen Feindel, *Office Manager*

ELVD Residents:

Joe Feindel, Wayne Held, Melissa Taber and Greg Klos

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Taber and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Topics:

- * Review status of Summer maintenance contract draft proposal: changed trash removal from "everyday to as needed". Contract can now be sent to be signed.
- * Review for approval prior meeting minutes: Minutes from November 21, 2019 through January 16, 2020 were accepted as written. Chair Taber made a motion to accept these. Commissioners Auger and Martin accepted motion, motion passed.
- * Review resident question concerning basketball court opening: Board has no concerns about opening up the basketball court. The gate will be opened this coming Friday.
- * Discuss Revision Energy for informational purposes: potential to save on electrical costs on electricity for our water system. In over 40 years there's a potential of saving approximately \$368,000, \$110,000 for 25 years. There is zero start up cost. More to come.

* Review PFAS testing options: DES requires 2 quarters in a row for testing. If the results are good (non-detect) then we'd qualify for a waiver for the following 3 years. Our first tests for all wells came back as non-detect. Then the injunction took place. January through March would be when our 2nd quarter tests would be due. Since we have no idea if/when the injunction will be decided upon, the board must decide to do the 2nd quarter tests or not. There are 3 options: No checks, one set of checks, or wait until 3rd quarter. Testing runs about \$1400 to \$2100. Samples would need to be pulled by March 31st. Chair Taber is attending PFAS training with the State. After this, we'll be better informed to make the right decision on March 23rd, which is the next budget meeting. Right now, the planned budget is for 2 more rounds of tests.

* Review options for State loan offer: there needs to be a public meeting to discuss the bond (potential water one and the bridge one) and the loan. There needs to be a 7 day notice. The bond hearing is tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 27th @ 6:30pm at the ELVD office. We're awaiting the bids for the bridge and estimates from NH Municipal Bond bank. The state is offering their loan with approximately 3% interest. We inquired about estimates and were provided with these options: Estimates were for \$350K or \$450K for 10 or 20 years. The 10 year loan currently has an interest rate of 2.25%. No payments would be due until 2021. The very first year the payment would be \$47,687 for the \$350K loan. The 20 year loan payment would be \$61,312 for the \$450K loan. After the first year the payment drops based on the interest and the balance owed. For the 20 year loan, the current interest rate is 3%. The first payment on the \$350K loan would be \$34K and for the \$450 the payment would be \$43K. We also have the opportunity to pay either loan early.

* Review Cross Connection policy options: This policy is basically for those residences that have a curb stop and a private well. There is only one resident that had this kind of connection. The board has been made aware that the curb stop has been severed and capped. We wouldn't need to have this policy in effect until that is ultimately removed. However, we don't have the tools in place to adopt this kind of policy.

* Review status of source water Notice of Violation #5: We have not heard anything from WSO since the end of November. WSO may have had some confusion on this violation. Transducers are being planned to be part of the 2020 operating budget. Another letter will be drafted to DES to show our intent.

* Review for payment authorization of invoices: We have a water warrant due. The District Admin has completed what needs to be done and will forward it to the Town Clerk where then the invoices are issued to the residents.

* Chair Taber made a motion to accept the \$105 charge for a battery for the Patten Hill generator. Commissioners Auger and Martin accepted motion, motion passed.

* Tomorrow (March 13th) is the deadline to fill out applications for public office positions.

* The Supervisors of the Checklist will conduct their own meeting on April 11th in preparation for our Annual Meeting. They will post the ad in the paper for the half hour they will be available at the town office for voter registrations and any changes that need to be made.

* Driveway/garage permit application received for the Blum residence on Turtle Bridge. Chair Taber made a motion to accept the permit. Commissioners Auger and Martin approved, motion passed.

* Review Annual Meeting timeline dates

The next meeting will be a Workshop Meeting on March 18, 2020 @ 6:30 pm at the ELVD office.

Meetings will be held at the District Office at 147 W Main Street in Hillsboro unless otherwise noted.

Motion made by Chair Taber to adjourn the meeting. Commissioners Auger and Martin approved motion, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Regards,

Rick Rose, *ELVD Clerk*

Approved by:

Brett Taber, *Commissioner (Chair)*

Sara Auger, *Commissioner*

Mark Martin, *Commissioner*