



### **Emerald Lake Village District**

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### **ELVD Commissioner Meeting**

Thursday October 15, 2020 @ 6:30 PM  
Location: ELVD office and online meeting via GO TO Meetings

#### **Board Attendees - In Person**

Brett Taber, *Commissioner*  
Sara Auger, *Commissioner*  
Katie Page, *Commissioner*  
Rick Rose, *Clerk*

#### **Residents**

Remote: Chris Reed and Greg Klos  
In office: Don Johnson and Melissa Taber

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Taber at 6:30pm. Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in the office.

### **AGENDA**

- Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call & Quorum Commissioners

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Don Johnson inquired about when the electrical system for the wells will be moved into the structure that was built at Patten Hill? Commissioner Taber responded by saying there's no immediate plan to do this and may be included in the planning of next year's budget. WSO had previously offered a quote of \$75K. Moving the generator system to that building would cost about \$5K-\$7K. All the electrical from the pumps to the new house as well as the electrical controls, the generator controls, the propane systems and all the ground piping would need to be moved. This would have to be accomplished in three phases and would cost about \$30K to \$50K. Prior board/s had no concrete planning for this project.

Resident Greg Klos inquired about a group of houses on Gould Pond from the boat launch up to Hummingbird that are not in the district and are connected to the district's water. His inquiry was to see if they are paying water bills. Commissioner Taber responded that there is one residence near the boat landing that is part of the infrastructure and does get a water bill. The others have private wells. The property cards on these properties are not always clear as to who has what for their water supply.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Signing of Winter Incidental plowing contract: There was one amendment made and drafts were provided. Commissioner Taber made a motion to sign the contract as amended. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber accepted, motion passed.
- Water project discussions (Commissioner Auger): The state is now allowing us more time to do zone metering. We wanted to do one more before the end of the year, but now can be put off until next Spring. This one was to be paid from encumbered funds, but will go into the general water fund if not expended. Since Aquamen has their own equipment, where WSO did not, the cost of doing this is expected to be cheaper.

Aquamen believes doing the media change-out this year would be beneficial. We would need to pull samples to let us know which vessel will need to be changed. The quarterly testing is due to be done between now and the end of the year.

Aquamen would like the board to discuss fluid hydraulics. This would help alleviate pressure fluctuations in the system and may reduce leaks. Potentially, each street could have its own tank and would have to be a budgeted project. Commissioner Auger will let them know we would be interested in knowing more.

The water tank is monitored daily by both Aquamen and Commissioner Auger. The water tank level on October 5th was at 16.1 ft and this was after receiving a water delivery. On October 6th the level was at 15.5 ft, October 7th it was at 15.3ft and on October 8th it was at 15 ft. We are still having water delivered weekly but the need has been decreasing and the board may be able to decrease the cost of labor if we can cut down to once a week.

- Well update (Commissioner Auger): This past week they've been drilling the monitoring wells. We are in good standing with permits that we need. The parking ban at the Eastman Beach location will start to be in effect once we get the temporary well going. The drillers finished up the well data collection and the monitoring yesterday. We know that the water has iron and manganese and ways to treat it will need to be discussed, as these elements will change the color and smell of the water. Currently, the timeframe for usage of this water source may be available as soon as Thanksgiving. Starting tomorrow Barry Miller will be onsite to begin the final construction/development of the well. We're trying to get the new water source available to residents as quickly as possible.  
The board will be looking into getting the Hummingbird well producing what the permit states we can. Right now we're not sure if the well is pumping to capacity. Aquamen will need to look at the controller to check and see if this can be regulated for pump output.
- Bridge project update: The contractor has started to bring in fill material. They are working with our road agent to store the material/equipment at the sandlot site. Excavation will begin next week. We will be asking the contractor to salvage any spare parts they can if the district can use any of it in the future. Commissioner Taber has given the contractor's information to Aquamen for discussion about the possibility of the leak in the Red Fox Crossing area. They may need to pressurize the piping to see if it holds the pressure or try to listen with their hearing system to see where there may be a leak.
- Trunk or Treat update: This event will be taking place Saturday October 24th. Commissioner Auger will be there at 4:00pm and it starts at 5:00pm. Come have some fun!!! Right now, there is no rain date in case of inclement weather.
- Field day/roadside cleanup update: Unfortunately, due to the inclement we are due to get, this event has been postponed and no future date has been determined as of tonight. Commissioner Auger will be doing cleanup on Meetinghouse Beach on Monday and/or Tuesday for anyone interested in joining her. Brett and Melissa Taber have done more cleanup at Burnham and Eastman parks.
- Gates discussion: Emerald Beach gates will be closed from this point forward. Eastman Beach gates will be opened/closed due to the ongoing well development. The commissioners take turns with the gates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Review proposal for well transducers: The board feels that due to budget constraints, the proposal (from Aquamen) will be looked at again in budgeting for 2021. The board will also revisit Wright-Pierce's proposal. With these transducers, the district/water operator will be able to analyze our water data and see how the wells are replenishing themselves. The readers on these transducers generally last about 10 years. There are different types, benefits and costs for all transducers.
- 2021 Source water protection Grant application (up to \$20K) status: Per Commissioner Page, the status hasn't changed too much since last week. She did receive the fencing (for the new well) dimensions provided by Aquamen. She also needs to obtain information (from Aquamen) about the ladder needed for the water tank. This will be needed as the tank is due for inspection in 2021.
- Approve prior meeting minutes: Commissioner Taber made a motion to accept the September 17th and the October 8th meeting minutes, as written. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber all accepted, motion passed.
- Culvert flush selection: As of today, Commissioner Taber has identified 15 culverts that should be flushed (by Bellamore) out. This would take approximately 2 days to do and hopefully could be completed by November 1st or at the very least before the ground begins to freeze. Funds were allocated when the budget was done.

The roads included so far are Deerpoint, Seminole, Huntington, Autumn, Pine Glen, Emerald Drive and Megan Lane.

- Admin Kardaseski and Melissa Taber have been working on a "welcome packet" full of information that **new** residents should know about living in the ELVD. Included are FAQs and information extracted from the website. Cost to produce these is minimal and these will be handed out, in person.
- The board received a "flat fee" offer from David Stefanelli, who maintains the website. The website averages 1500 visits a month. Year to date we have spent \$1,215 which translates to \$135 per month for the past 9 months. His offer is for a fee of \$100 per month. Commissioner Auger will check with David on when he planned to begin this offer and the board will vote on it at a later date.
- Curb stop info: Homeowners do NOT own the curb stops. The curb stop isolates the district main and is part of the district's infrastructure. Anything from the curb stop to the residents (service/connection line) home is the residents responsibility. Anything from the curb stop (the body of it) to the main is the district's responsibility. Furthermore, residents do NOT have the right to operate the curb stop valve as the district owns that valve and they (resident) would be responsible for any cost to repair/replace it. Residents can operate **their** own valve (second isolation valve) if they've paid to have a separate one installed on their property.
- Manifest approvals: Commissioner Taber made a motion to approve this month's manifests. The water manifest totalled \$76,856.92 and the general manifest totalled \$18,941.56. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber accepted, motion passed.
- Adjournment of meeting: Commissioner Taber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber all accepted, motion passed.
- The next meeting is November 12th @ 6:30.

\*Meetings will be held primarily in the office and supported online using GOTO meetings as posted on the website.

\*The Agenda is subject to change at the Commissioner's discretion up to and during the meeting\*

Regards,

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Rick Rose, *ELVD Clerk*

**Approved by:**

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Brett Taber, *Commissioner (Chair)*

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Sara Auger, *Commissioner*

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Katie Page, *Commissioner*

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