



Emerald Lake Village District

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ELVD Workshop Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2021 @ 6:30 PM
Location: ELVD office (in person) with
remote listening via GO TO Meetings

Board Attendees

Brett Taber, *Commissioner*
Sara Auger, *Commissioner*
Katie Page, *Commissioner*
Debbie Kardaseski, *District Admin*
Rick Rose, *Clerk*

Residents

Remotely - Greg Klos and Chris Reed.
In Office - Melissa Taber

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Taber at 6:30pm.

Roll Call & Quorum of Commissioners
Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business

- Approve meeting minutes from January: Commissioner Taber made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 1/21 and 1/28 as written. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber all accepted, motion passed.
- Well Update provided by Commissioner Auger: The board needed to discuss whether or not assistance is needed from Wright-Pierce during the pilot testing process as well as the treatment evaluation report. Aquamen has suggested getting assistance from them. They feel the more 'eyes' on this will decrease any margin of error. Both teams will contribute to evaluating treatment options. Commissioner Auger made the motion to enter into an agreement with Wright-Pierce for assistance with the piloting program in the amount of \$3K. Commissioners Page, Taber and Auger accepted, motion passed.
- Bridge Update from Commissioner Taber: The water diversion plan was submitted to Accurra Construction from Wright-Pierce. Estimates were submitted today detailing a potential change to the job. The original bid and water removal process was based on a sandbag system occurring in the Fall with a lower water level. Since it is now Winter, with snow melt, the water level is considerably higher. The dewatering plan now includes steel sheeting that will be hammered into the ground to create a barrier and will divert water through a 3-4 inch culvert pipe. The new proposal includes a credit from the original plan but will incur an additional cost of \$14,265. Commissioner Taber made a motion to approve the proposal for change order #1 for sheet piling for the Red Fox Crossing bridge project in the amount of \$14,265 to come from the capital reserve funds. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber all approved, motion passed.

The vibration analysis and ground compaction expenses could cost an additional \$20K, which could come out of the roads and bridges capital reserve fund.

Electric lines will need to be moved by Eversource. Normally, they do not charge to do this, but they consider this a 'private' project and want to charge us. The board has every intention of pushing back on this charge. Our roads are not 'private' and we pay the same electric bill as everyone else in the Town. Wright-Pierce will try to fight this for us, as well. Our municipality should be treated the same as the Town of Hillsboro. The board will be in contact with Eversource to try and understand their position.

The board has let Wright-Pierce know that we have been very disappointed by their oversight with this project and by the way it has unfolded. The extra expenses and circumstances, the board feels, should have been foreseen by Wright-Pierce.

The board would like to address a rumor that the bridge is not being worked on because a resident is suing the district. The board, at this time, is not aware of any such action. The reason/s have been clearly stated above and are in prior meeting minutes.

- Open contract and District positions: There has been some interest shown in positions, but no definitive outcomes to share at this meeting. The current positions open are: auditor, bookkeeper, treasurer, district administrator and summer and year round road maintenance. Eileen Feindel, office support, has tendered her resignation and will be effective at the end of this month. Commissioner Taber made a motion to accept Eileen's resignation. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber accepted, motion passed.

New Business

- Discuss cross connection control program from Commissioner Auger: This program has been outstanding since November 2019. This needs to be approved and submitted to the State. We have changed the wording of Water Superintendent, to match with the Town of Hillsboro, to Water Operator. Periodic testing (related to forms) will also coincide with the Town's procedure of 30 days. Commissioner Auger has simplified the records and reports procedure. We are responsible each April 1st to send in an inspection report that was done in the previous year. Since this program hasn't been adopted yet, a report may not be due till April 2022. There's only one potential cross connection the district needs to be concerned with at this time and may be physically moved this year. Commissioner Auger will have Aquamen look at the proposal before submitting it to the State. This will also be added to our Water Rules and Regulations, as well.
- Discuss community egg hunt: Commissioner Auger would like to have this happen March 27th (approximately 10am) as Easter will be the first weekend in April. Information will be posted on the website and FB as the event approaches.
- Discuss annual meeting options, in person vs. remote: The annual meeting is scheduled to occur on April 17th. The board feels that having the meeting in person would be acceptable, as many towns are beginning to have public meetings. Elected positions that will be open are a Treasurer, 2 and 3 year Commissioner positions, 1 year Moderator and 1 year Clerk.
- An agreement with the Town of Hillsboro Water and Sewer needs to be signed once a couple of clarifications have been resolved. This agreement is for us to pay their water operator \$50 per hour when they are needed at the times when water deliveries are scheduled for the district.
- Commissioner Taber made a motion to reach out to the residents on 49 Ellenbrook Rd for the labor cost (about an hour and a half) for Aquamen for their share of work done while the homeowner updated their septic system. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber accepted motion, motion passed.
- Invoice approvals
- Adjournment of meeting: Commissioner Taber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber all accepted, motion passed.

* Meetings will be held in person at the office while providing online listening via GoTo Meetings as posted on the website and FB page. As emergency orders relax, meetings will then resume at the ELVD district office.

Regards,

Rick Rose, *ELVD Clerk*

Approved by:

Brett Taber, *Commissioner (Chair)*

Sara Auger, *Commissioner*

Katie Page, *Commissioner*

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