



Leino Park Water District (LPWD)
Board of Commissioners' Meeting - July 6, 2011

1. **Call to Order** July 6, 2011 at 7:04 PM
 - **Members present:** Sue Miller (SM), Dave Crumbley (DC), Rick Plante (RP), Don Williams (DW), Bob Brown (BB), and Derek Knerr (DK).
 - **Guests present:** none.

2. **Review and Approve Minutes** - Minutes of 6/08/11 were approved.

3. **Reports**
 - A. **Treasurer Report (Finance/Budget):**
 - **Receipts** - \$31,256.00 was collected for bridge fund and betterments collected by the Town.
 - **Expenditures** - \$2,088.39 was paid for water testing, training, utilities, and road repairs.
 - **Other** - nothing.

 - B. **Water Commissioner Report:**
 - **Budget** - Nothing new expected.
 - **Billing** - DC reported that the free course on Rate Setting and Collections for small water system operators was more like a seminar on new rules and regulations. The EPA is pressuring states to enforce the use of water rate schedules that encourage water conservation. Our current rate schedule did not do this. DC handed out spreadsheets showing several rate options and noted that we may add a fee to cover testing separately or work it into the water rate. This prompted a lengthy discussion. The result was a motion to set the rate at \$9.00 per 1000 gallons, with a minimum of 12,000 gallons annually. This equates to a minimum charge of \$108 for minimum usage and the elimination of the seasonal rate. Motion passed unanimously. The new rate is effective July 1 of this year, but will not be seen until on your bill until next year. Bills for July 2010 to July 2011 (at the old rate) will be sent out in the next few weeks. DC's Excel course is next month.
 - **Maintenance of lines and meters** - All meters are now OK.
 - **Main meter** - BB read the main meter last night to compare with the Town's last reading on July 8, 2010. The Leino Park Water District consumed 1.765 million gallons of water in the past year.
 - **DEP/Quality** - BB and a few others may be interested in taking the Water System Operator Training. DC will find out more about costs and schedule.

 - C. **Bridge Report**
 - **Legal ownership** - Nothing new to report.
 - **Time frames** -
 - **Replacement funds** -

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D. Maintenance Report

- **Bridge** - We are down to half a bag of patch. All agreed to order half a pallet. More discussion on using plates or corrugated metal under patch. BB made a suggestion that we go ahead and replace the top section of the bridge without replacing the pylons. RP wants to replace it with a wooden structure. RP will talk to eng firm in NH. DK will talk with Whitman and Bingham for recommendation on who does bridges. Short term, will patch with plates or corrugated, but probably plates. Will have to get a truck to haul away the tar and may need to close the bridge for a day. All agreed, but scheduling was not discussed.
- **Roads** - The back roads have been done with the materials purchased. BB confirmed that we will get mill grind when available. BB noted that weeds at corner of Parkwood and Pine St are cut back, but not back enough. BB and RP will cut them more.

E. Communication Report

- **Website** - www.LeinoPark.org - nothing new to report.
- **Email** - None.
Please send your comments and suggestions to us at: LPWD@LeinoPark.org.
- **Mail** - None
- **Phone** - None

4. Old Business:

- DK finally received a response from our offer to widen and pave Honey Bee Lane in exchange for permanent easements. The new owner would rather have minimal traffic and keep the property the way it is for the foreseeable future.
- A short discussion about right-of-ways and what we can do about them led BB to suggest that we talk to one of the offenders and offer to help move the shed that is blocking free access to the water. All agreed that this was a good starting point.

5. New Business:

- None.

6. Open Forum – none

7. Adjournment at 8:28 PM.

8. Next Meeting

- The next regular Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday** August 3rd 2011, 7:00 PM at 15 Old Oak Ave.

Respectively submitted,
Derek Knerr - Clerk/Moderator