

Leino Park Water District (LPWD) Annual Meeting - June 14, 2014

- **1. Call to Order** on June 14, 2014 at 10:05 am
 - Board members: Sue Miller (SM), Dave Crumbley (DC), Bob Brown (BB), Bob Marien (BM), Don Williams (DW), and Derek Knerr (DK).
 - Other members present: 18 Guests present: 0

2. Introductions and Announcements:

- The Board members introduced themselves.
- SM thanked everyone for attending. There were no other announcements.
- **3. Review and Approve Minutes -** A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of our 06/22/13 annual meeting as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Election of Officers:

- Open positions are: Chairperson (1 year term), Treasurer (1 year term), Clerk-Moderator (1 year term), and Water Commissioner (3 year term currently held by Don Williams). SM asked for volunteers for any of the Board positions. No response.
- A motion was made and seconded to renew terms of those members whose terms are expiring. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Reports:

A. Treasurer Report (Finance/Budget):

- **Budget Presentation** DC read the 2014 Income and Expenditures Report, the 2014 Bridge Fund Report, and the 2014 Estimated Budget Report line by line. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept all reports as read. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Billing** DC explained that the 22 households that were still paying betterment each year on their tax bill for the water system, had fulfilled their obligation and were issued a small refund from overpayment. DC also replied to a question about the increase in the maintenance fee (from \$110 to \$175). Now, all households will see a "Special Assessments" charge on their tax bill (in January) of \$375 (\$175 for system maintenance and \$200 toward the bridge fund).

B. Water Commissioner Report:

- Maintenance of lines and meters DC reported that 2 meters were removed in the fall, and then installed in the spring to prevent damage from freezing. Also, the Town recently asked us to have our main meter calibrated. Three years ago it was found to be within spec when we had it tested (after 22 years of service). DC will respond as needed.
- Water Operator Replacement Bill Hibbs and Bob Brown are studying for their Small Systems Operator licensing requirements.

C. Maintenance Report:

- **Bridge** There are 2 soft spots on the bridge that need repairing. This means the bridge will be closed for a day or so while the repairs are made. BM will coordinate those making the repair and will schedule the closure as needed. EW replied to a question about our liability for kids jumping off the bridge. As long as we take reasonable steps (such as putting up signs) to prevent it from happening, any court would determine that we have no liability.
- Roads Some discussion about the speed bumps. It was asked if a "Dead End" sign could be put at the end of North Share Drive near the intersection of Pine St. BB will take care of this as he believes he already has a sign.

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D. Bridge Report:

- **Replacement Options** DK noted that the 'Bailey Bridge' (which was brought up last year) is more for temporary applications and primarily used by the government. It is not very attractive. We are still looking at a wooden structure as a replacement.
- **Replacement Funding** DK reported that we are still working with the engineering firm to complete the USDA loan application. In response to a question about the Town borrowing on our behalf, he replied that even if the Town would go along with it, the balance would have to be paid within 20 years instead of 40 years with the USDA loan. Another question was asked about the interest rate (which is 3 1/2 %).

E. Communication Report:

- Website Visit www.LeinoPark.org or Email us at LPWD@LeinoPark.org.
- Everyone liked the distribution of annual minutes before the meeting.

6. Old Business:

- Trees over hanging Leino Park Rd and North Shore Rd have been trimmed. The power company removed a tree that had fallen on North Shore Rd but we hired Dick Williams to do a more thorough trimming on both roads. Thanks Dick.
- SM told her story about dealing with the power company and getting a 'ticket number' and assurances over the phone that new poles will be put in and the low hanging utility wires will be fixed, only to call again and find that nothing was being done because they had 'lost' that 'ticket'. Anyway, thanks to her persistence, a new pole has been put up at the corner of Old Oak Ave and Pine St. and the low hanging wires issue should be resolved soon.
- DC told a story about seeing the base of a tree on Old Oak Ave moving as the tree swayed in the wind. Concerned that the tree would fall right over, he called the power company and the tree was promptly cut down and removed. DC noted there is a tree on Pine St that needs to be looked at as it may be a potential hazard.
- Deeded right-of-ways A request was made to put up a chain across the right-of-way on the south side of North Shore Rd so it will not be used by non-residents as a boat/jet ski launch. The Board will take this up at a future meeting.

7. New Business:

- SM recently learned that curbside recycling is free but recycling that is taken to the transfer station costs the Town extra. Please participate in curbside recycling. A question was asked about the cost of a recycling bin and it was suggested that they are obtained from the Town DPW, who would have an exact cost.
- Discussion about an LPWD cookout for family and extended family on August 9th. Hot dogs, burgers, rolls, condiments and watermelon will be provided. Participants may bring a salad or side dish. Please RSVP.
- Mary Dyke related how a pig roast and a raffle were done as fund raisers to help with costs when our water system was put in. She volunteered to run a raffle.
- **8. Adjournment** A motion to adjourn was made at 10:56 am. Everyone was in favor.

Respectively submitted, Derek Knerr - Clerk/Moderator