



**Leino Park Water District (LPWD)**  
**Board of Commissioners' Meeting – December 7, 2022**

**1. Call to Order:** Dec 7, 2022 at 7:02pm

- **Members present:** Chairperson: Elizabeth Williams (EW); Water Commissioners: Bob Marien (BM), Bob Brown (BB), Joe Monette (JM); Water System Operator: Dave Crumbley (DC); Treasurer: Derek Knerr (DK).
- **Guest(s):** Joe Abdo (JA)

**2. Review and Approve Minutes:** Meeting minutes from November 2, 2022 were approved as distributed.

**3. Reports -**

**A. Treasurer Report (Finance/Budget):**

- **Receipts** - \$1,102,193.53. Includes \$1,081,900.00 USDA loan, a buyout of \$20,256.16, and \$37.38 in interest. The USDA loan and most of the buyout will be used to pay off interim financing on December 1st.
- **Expenditures** - \$5,080.86. Expenses include \$4,738.67 for water, \$150 for the Treasurer's fidelity bond (required by the USDA), \$110 for salaries and mileage, \$43.19 for street lighting, \$24 for water testing, and \$15 for a bank charge to receive the USDA wire.
- **Billing** - There is still one household that has not paid for water used between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2022. Late fees were added and another bill was sent out on Dec 3rd.
- **Taxes** - Now that the bridge project winds down, DK will be able to renew the effort to obtain tax exempt status for the Leino Park Water District.
- **Budget** - DK received a price increase notice from Nashoba Analytical, who does our water testing. This will be considered as the 2023 budget is put together.
- **Other** - Since the USDA has rejected our request to re-amortize our loan when paying down the principal if households payoff their obligation, our best option is to invest buyout money instead of paying down the principal. EW reports there are 12-month CDs available with rates around 3.5%. DK has seen a few banks that are offering that same rates for regular savings accounts and expects to see more banks offering even higher rates in the future.

**B. Water System Operator's Report:**

- **Maintenance of Lines and Meters** - All is well.
- **DEP / Quality** - While TTHM testing results in August exceeded DEP acceptable values, results from the November sampling brought our running quarterly average back within limits. The flushing effort in October, in coordination with Town flushing are primarily responsible for the desirable results.
- **Water Sampling / Meter Readings** - DC and JA will be reading meters on December 30th.
- **Other** - Demolition of the burnt house at 22 Old Oak Ave began on December 1st. Permission had been granted to connect to the hydrant across from the property to control dust during the process. In the end, less than a thousand gallons was used so it was agreed that there would be no charge.

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- **The board is actively seeking a new Water System Operator. This is a paid position. Anyone with interest in this role should please contact Dave Crumbley, any member of the board, or email us at [lpwd@leinopark.org](mailto:lpwd@leinopark.org)**

**C. Maintenance Report:**

- **Roads** - BB patched Leino Park Road with 4 bags of patch and North Shore Road with a single bag of patch. Thank you, Bob.
- **Bridge** - DK reported that in discussions amongst ourselves and with the Town and the Town's contractor who plows our roads, plowing could be done in such a way as to minimize the risk of catching an edge, by starting at the highest point of the bridge and pushing snow down. Scott from BTT Marine Construction agreed with this plan. JM confirmed that Rob, who works for the contractor and does the actual plowing of our roads, is also in agreement of this plan. Long term, the cost and effectiveness of an epoxy coating will be explored.
- It was discovered today that someone took the corner a little too sharp and hit the end of the right railing on approach to the bridge. Discussion focused on how to prevent this from happening in the future and how to identify who did it. BB will purchase and install a reflector and EW will ask Martha for permission to mount a camera on her house.
- **Boulders** - The Town has still not responded to our request for boulders, or barrier of some kind along the right-hand side of the road as you approach the bridge. DK will follow up.

**D. Bridge Report:**

- **Construction** - 100% complete! The new bridge was opened on October 3, 2022.
- **Replacement Funding** - We finally closed on a \$1,081,900 loan with the USDA on November 30. One household chose to buyout prior to the closing resulting in a loan of less than the approved \$1.1 million. We paid off our interim financing on December 1st. The USDA loan is at an interest rate of 3.50% and will be paid over 39 years.
- On November 18th, DK distributed a letter detailing specifics of the loan, the betterment charge you will see on your real estate tax bill as well as final numbers for the buyout option. If you did not receive a letter, email [lpwd@leinopark.org](mailto:lpwd@leinopark.org) to request one.
- DK sent an invoice for \$21,150.35 to the Wyman Lake Association for their contribution to the bridge project as approved at their meeting on July 12th.
- With completion of the bridge project, this item will be removed as a main topic at our meetings. Related items will be discussed under one or more of the remaining topics.

**E. Communication Report:**

- **Facebook** - Please search for Leino Park and "like" our page. This can be one of the quickest ways to get up-to-date information on our neighborhood.
- **Website** - [www.LeinoPark.org](http://www.LeinoPark.org)
- **Mail and E-mail** [LPWD@LeinoPark.org](mailto:LPWD@LeinoPark.org) - None other than correspondences to close on the USDA loan.

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**4. Old Business:**

- Lots more discussion about the unfairness of the home owners on Parkwood Lane and Honey Bee Lane who use the bridge and will not contribute their fair share, and what to do about it. While there are many suggestions, it was agreed to wait until AR and DK consult with our attorney about our legal options.

**5. New Business:**

- DK suggested that since the bridge project is complete, that the Board take some time to list accomplishments and then come up with some ideas on how the Board should focus their efforts going forward. There was some discussion and more discussion will be had at future meetings.
- The Board would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and the Best New Year ever!

**6. Adjournment:** at 8:09pm.

**Next Meeting:** The next LPWD Board meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of next month: January 4, 2023, 7:00 pm, at the Knerr residence: 11 Old Oak Ave. All are welcome!

Respectively submitted,  
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