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BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
20 Bridge Street, 10:00 a.m.

October 04, 2024

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held its regular meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, October 04, 2024.

**Roll call:** Present: William Prendergast, Chair; Mary Reilly, Board Member; Aaron Williams, Board Member; Mark Siegars, District Counsel; Kevin Swail, Superintendent; Katie Lemanski, Treasurer; Cindy Roughley, Clerk

Also in attendance: Terry Baumann and Rocco Errichetto from Pontoosuc Lake Condo Association (PLCA)

William Prendergast opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

1. Rocco Errichetto from PLCA questioned the current rates/EDU's for condominiums, requesting meters be used. Because this topic was not listed on the agenda, Chair William Prendergast tabled the discussion for a future meeting. All agreed that this will be added to the agenda for the meeting on December 06, 2024.
2. The warrant and payroll warrant for September were reviewed and signed.
3. The minutes from the meeting of September 06, 2024 were reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes with a correction to the spelling of the name Petricca. William Prendergast seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Andrew from Tighe and Bond was not present at the meeting.
5. New well site development update: Mark Seigars reported that the application with the state for a one million dollar grant has been filed. The one stop application process for an additional one half million dollars has been delayed. There was one bid submitted for the project, for 1.3 (one point three) million dollars from Layne Christensen Company. The cost for drilling the well and testing is estimated to be \$ 1,381,450. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the bid submitted by Layne Christensen Company. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. Miner Road property gift: Mark Siegars reported that he pulled the deed for Mr. Petricca to sign, to be completed in 2 or 3 weeks.
7. The link to the Town of Lanesborough's Master Plan Survey will be added to the Water District Website.
8. There were no disputes.
9. An abatement form was received for 9 Iroquois Street, but this was for an exemption, not abatement. Mark Siegars to check with Lisa Wellspeak at Town Hall to see if the resident is already on the list for the senior exemption.

10. Liened properties: Most of the churches in town have liens. Katie Lemanski to send a list of those properties to Mark Siegars, who will send a letter to them.
11. Website update: Cindy Roughley stated that there were 57 visitors to the website in the last 30 days. There were no messages received in the last month.
12. Treasurer and Collector's report: Katie Lemanski reported that as of September 27<sup>th</sup>, there were \$ 31,625,24 in outstanding collections not including the mall. The funds in the investment accounts have been moved to Bartholomew. Health insurance premiums will be increasing in January.
13. Legal issues/mall billing: Mark Siegars reported that the lawsuit against the mall owners will be filed by the next meeting, for over \$ 80,000 in outstanding water bills.
14. Mark Siegars provided an update on the MA Rural Water Association Recovery for PFAS class action lawsuit. He is pursuing the Superfunds claim. The hearing should be sometime in March.
15. Superintendent's report: Kevin Swail reported that the title to the new truck has been received, so it can be registered. Condron Construction will begin work on a project on Squanto Street. All parts are ready. The Water District will pay for the black topping for the trench, estimate of \$ 10,000. A betterment for the project to be calculated and sent to the Board for review and approval.

A proposal for an update to the SCADA system was received. This new advanced SCADA software system will cost \$ 23,422. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the proposal for the update to the SCADA system. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A new water service line at 93 Ore Bed Road has been completed. The connection fee was waived. Repairs have been completed on the Miner Road well and it is in full operation.

The Cross Connection survey has been completed and sent to the DEP. This will be posted on the website.

Tighe and Bond have completed more inspections for the lead surveys.

Kevin Swail recommended changing the sample site from Olsen Road to go in the park at Narragansett Avenue, which has been approved by the DEP. Lenox Construction will make the water tap and the line. Mary Reilly made a motion to relocate the water sampling site from 21 Olsen Road to 81 Narragansett Avenue and to approve all associated expenses for the project. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Water shut offs have been completed. The curb stop at 30 Old Cheshire Road is broke. Kevin Swail will repair the curb stop, the owner to pay the bill. Mark Siegars to send letter to owner.
16. A discussion was held regarding gifting of sick time to another employee. The process of approval from the Board must be created. Cindy Roughley to create a form to be submitted with the timesheet, and will update process in the employee handbook once finalized.

Katie Lemanski to look into options for payroll services to possibly reduce costs.
17. The next regular meeting will be on Friday, November 01, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
18. Aaron Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Mary Reilly seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.