

LANESBOROUGH VILLAGE FIRE and WATER DISTRICT
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 9, 2021

Roll call:

Present: Bill Prendergast, Chairperson, Aaron Williams and Mary Reilly, Board Members, Mark Siegars, District Counsel, Kevin Swail, Superintendent, Linda Pruyne, Treasurer/Accounting Officer, Jodi Hollingsworth, Clerk, Kristen Tool, website designer, Mark Bashara

Agenda of Meeting is as follows:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (June 4 & July 1) Motion passes 3 – 0 – June 10, 2021 minutes to be moved to next meeting
- 2) Water District website – Tool showed Board prototype of District website – Domain name is needed for website to go live, Board decided on “Lanesboro Water” – Pruyne to provide updated rate information for site – website address will be added to water bills
- 3) Public Comment – Mark Bashara questioned what was happening to address PFOA issue – Prendergast explained contaminated well is offline and possible solutions for this well. Bashara asked for clarification of water rates (1 individual in home vs family of 4) and why the rate is the same – Pruyne explained how EDU’s are calculated
- 4) Abatements/ Shut offs – No new abatements – Shut offs for non-payment to be done July 12 on 11 properties
- 5) Hydrant Use – District has agreement with Sanitary Septic and strawberry field – pool company may be using hydrant to fill pools – Siegars suggested hydrants to be secured so those who need to use a hydrant would have to contact water district – Swail said he does not believe there is significant abuse to warrant locking hydrants
- 6) Bridge Street Well – Swail states treatment is the only way to remedy PFOA contamination – Williams wants more detailed explanation of treatments/cost – Swail suggested developing Bull Hill Rd site – Prendergast said that would be 3-4 years away – need to get a more reasonable estimate for treatment of Bridge St – Swail to ask Tighe & Bond to next meeting to discuss 1) redevelopment/treatment of Bridge St. 2) development of Bull Hill site
- 7) EDU/Meter replacement – no new information
- 8) Insurance – District can offer \$10,000 for \$8.00/mo cost to district and \$1.66 cost to employee
- 9) Prendergast voted Chairman – 3-0
- 10) Personnel Handbook – Pruyne asked Board if a personnel handbook could be outsourced which would include current laws and practices – Board agrees to outsourcing the updating of the personnel handbook (not to exceed \$2,500) 3-0

REPORTS:

- 11) Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve warrant 3-0
- 12) Superintendents Report: Discussed Imperial St water break

NEXT MEETING: Friday, August 6, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Jodi Hollingsworth, Clerk