

**LANESBOROUGH VILLAGE FIRE and WATER DISTRICT**

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 8 , 2020 10:00am

Roll call:

Present: Bill Prendergast, Chairperson, Aaron Williams and Mary Reilly, Board Members, Linda Pruyne, Treasurer/Accounting Officer, Mark Siegars, District Counsel, Kevin Swail, Superintendent and Guest Jodi Hollinsworth.

- Jon Boleng Zoom call in to discuss his unpaid Water Bill for 8 Squanto and his non-compliance water disconnection fee from # 8 squanto and # 12 squanto . Do to the Pandemic that started beginning of 2020 , Jon feels he should not be responsible for the \$ 7,500 non-compliance fee. Also, do to the uninhabitable condition of # 8 squanto for past years , should be abated for back taxes . Water District Commissioners informed him they will discuss the situation and notify him of their finding . Commission voted 3-0 to grant a waiver of the \$ 7,500 fee. And voted 3-0 to grant abatement for back owed taxes for # 8 squanto that he will need to file for, only the Money amount not attached to the Lien / tax title accessed on the property . Mark will send Jon a letter of notification .
- Senior / special situation discount : Jodi and Linda support as the Town has a discount program . Mary asked how it would affect the Budget , Linda / Jodi explained it would be \$ 44 / per QTR discount for each approved account . Aaron would like to see a Policy that identifies : New Tax rate , Proof of need for discount from customer ect. Linda and Jodi will prepare a spread sheet by next district meeting .
- District Clerk position , Jodi after reviewing the Job Description would only ask that the HR responsibilities to be handled by Linda . Work hours / pay rate and duties are in Document .District Commissioners voted 3-0 and offered Jodi the position . Welcome aboard Jodi .
- Shut off list : Jodi will produce a updated list for accounts that are overdue by 2 Qtrs and will be reviewed by Commissioners next meeting . Aaron would like the shut off protection policy be only by Hardship of customer , proof needed and approved by committee.
- Berkshire Village Project : Town special meeting to provide Money for project was voted on and approved . Survey for Hollow Road ongoing . All permitting filed and approved .Interim Financing approved , documents will be signed as needed . Construction Bid should go out by February latest March . Mark will talk with T&B about House connections .
- Water District tested in November for PFOA / PFOS contamination , After three different testing dates , as of December 20 , 2020 the Bridge street well contamination level was 43 parts per Trillion . Miner Road well was 2 parts per Trillion . MCL for State is 20 parts per Trillion . Kevin has been working with DEP employees and independent testers to sample 6 observation wells located in the Zone 2 area of water shed . Kevin , Bill and Mark have looked at Public notice ( given by DEP western region office ) and made changes for DEP review . Aaron and Mary gave opinions and Aaron will draft language to be sent and reviewed by DEP . Matr spoke with Peter ( T&B ) about treatment options . Bull hill rd test well may be option to develop .
- Cindy Nylic not remarried
- New Website for District : All to check on who may build site .
- All December warrants Ok and will be signed by Commissioners
- December 4 minutes provided by Mary approved 3-0

- Asset Management program , tabled
- Private Wells Policy , tabled
- EDU / Meter replacement , tabled
- Mall Meter , tabled
- Personal Policy / Job Description , tabled
- Employee Insurance , tabled

Next meeting : February 5 , 2021

Prepared by : Kevin Swail