

LANESBOROUGH VILLAGE FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
20 Bridge Street, 10:00 a.m.

August 02, 2024

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held its regular meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, August 02, 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: Andrew Morosky and Peter Vilinski from Tighe and Bond , Susan Kelley and Kathleen Gilowacki from Batholomew and Company, John Pitroff

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

1. The warrant and payroll warrant for July were reviewed and signed.
2. The minutes from the regular meeting of July 05,2024 were reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes. Aaron Williams seconded the motions. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Andrew Morosky from Tighe and Bond stated that he discussed the replacement plan form for the lead service with Kevin Swail and that he will send a version to the commissioners to review. They will send postcards to those who have not responded to the survey and will send a list of those names to the Board. Mary Reilly conducted outreach and created a flyer with FAQ's that was distributed outside of the post office. Additional funds will be requested from the grant program to be used for completion of home inspections and any line replacements that may be needed.
4. Katie Lemanski spoke about earned sick time for part time workers. Cindy Roughley explained the Massachusetts earned sick time law and stated that the Town uses a similar rule. Mary Reilly made a motion to adapt the earned sick time rule as stated in the Massachusetts laws, (MGL Chapter149 sec 148) effective August 02, 2024. For current part time employees, the accrual will be retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year: July 01, 2024. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Public comments: John Pitroff from Second Chance Processing asked about zoning on Miner Road for possible opportunity and a discussion regarding water concerns.
6. There were no disputes.
7. There were no abatements.
8. Website update: Cindy Roughley to check to be sure there is a link to the abatement form on the website. Discussion regarding archiving older items.

9. Susan Kelley and Kathleen Gilowacki from Batholomew and Company discussed investment options. Will continue to work with Katie Lemanski.
10. Treasurer and Collector's report: Katie Lemanski reported that the amounts outstanding as of July were \$ 113,140.02. Discussion regarding assistant collector. Mary Reilly made a motion to officially appoint Katie Lemanski as the assistant collector. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
11. Legal issues/mall billing: Discussion of SDC EPA Grant. Mary Reilly made a motion for Katie Lemanski and Mark Siegars to have executive authority to execute all documents as required to comply with the EPA grant. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
Mark Siegars to contact the City of Pittsfield regarding the water bills for the mall.
12. Mark Siegars gave an update on the MA Rural Water Association Recovery for PFAS class action lawsuit. The petition is in and has been received. Waiting for claims administration.
13. Superintendent's report: Kevin Swail reported that there is a 10 per cent charge to return PVC pipe previously purchased for a restocking fee. Further discussion tabled for next meeting. The meter replacement project is being completed. Discussion regarding flat rate until completed. Mary Reilly made a motion to use the flat rate for meters until October 01, 2024. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
14. The next regular meeting will be on Friday, September 06, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
15. William Prendergast adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.