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

December 06, 2024

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held its regular meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, December 06, 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

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

1. The warrant and payroll warrant for November were reviewed and signed.
2. The minutes from the meeting of November 01, 2024 were reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Terry Baumann, David Pelletier and Rocco Errichetto from the Pontoosuc Lake Condominium Association were present. Terry Bauman asked if the apartments could get separate meters and when. Aaron Williams explained that meter rates included a base rate that was the same as regular quarterly water rates, and then an additional per gallon rate was added to that for water usage. William Prendergast discussed current billing that is based on the need of the water district. Mark Siegars explained senior and other exemptions and payment plans that were available and suggested that the Association should contact the Collector for more details and application forms.
4. There were no public comments.
5. There were no disputes.
6. There were no abatements.
7. Website update: Cindy Roughley stated that there were 92 visitors to the website in the last 30 days. Non-current items will be archived.
8. Betterments/liens: The Board reviewed the list of liens that are to occur in January of 2025, there were 19 liens total. The Commissioners reviewed and signed the assessor's annual commitment warrant for Iroquois Street and Berkshire Village.
9. Operating Transfers and Treasurer and Collector's report: Katie Lemanski reported that the operating transfers between accounts had been completed. As of November 30, 2024 there was an outstanding balance of \$ 47,533.61 owed to the water district. A new checking account has been opened with ESB bank. A new remote capture account will be opened with ESB to scan checks received.
10. Legal issues/mall billing: Mark Siegars reported that on November 08, 2024 the lawsuit was filed against the owners of the mall for non-payment of the water bills. He will file a motion for summary judgment. Regarding the Bull Hill well project, Mr.

Petricca's lawyers are reviewing the deed for the land gift and will get back to Mr. Seigars soon. For zones 1, 2 and zone 3, the water district should acquire some land for water shed protection.

11. Superintendent's report: Kevin Swail reported a recent water break on Old Cheshire Road. He would like to replace the pipe at the intersection of Old Cheshire Road and Prospect Street, 1000 feet, heading North, including 5 connections and 1 hydrant. There have been 5 breaks recently and next year's budget should include the costs for repairs/replacements. Bull Hill Road well project is the main concern. Kevin Swail reported that the well drilling materials have been dropped off and drilling is set for the Spring. The meter program has been ongoing and he will get the readings for January 1, 2025 but suggests to bill a flat rate for now.
12. Gifting of sick time form was reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the form. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
13. The date for the next regular meeting was discussed. Mary Reilly made a motion to set the date of the next regular meeting to Friday, January 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
14. William Prendergast adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.