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

November 01, 2024

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held its regular meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, November 01, 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 October were reviewed and signed.
2. The minutes from the meeting of October 04, 2024 were reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The minutes from the special meeting on October 24, 2024 were reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes from the special meeting. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Representative from American Garage Door was not present at the meeting.
4. Representative from Tighe and Bond was not present at the meeting.
5. There were no public comments.
6. Disputes: Regarding the church on the corner of Summer Street and North Main Street: the bill has not been paid. The water has been shut off and Kevin Swail will notify the Board of Health. The property has been liened. Mary Reilly made a motion that Mark Siegars should notify the Collector of approval of the negotiation of a payment plan for the church on the corner of Summer Street. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
7. There were no abatements.
8. Website update: Cindy Roughley stated that there were 191 visitors to the website in the last 30 days. There were two messages received in the last month and Kevin Swail has addressed them. The Town survey and the tank cleaning notice can now be removed from the website. Cindy Roughley to send a copy of the no lead notice to the Collector so that the notice can be put in with the next water bills. The grant notice from July can be archived.
9. Mary Reilly made a motion to approve the FY 25 betterments. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The FY 25 betterments were signed. Item to add to next month's meeting agenda to briefly discuss this subject and a letter that Mark Siegars will prepare and send out to those affected.
10. Bull Hill Road well funding: waiting for final contract. Everything has been submitted to the finance department. Mark Siegars will send an email to ask if everything is all set. A meeting will be scheduled for 9:45 a.m. on December 06, 2024. Mark Siegars

- will work with Katie Lemanski to prepare the one article for that meeting, to rescind the vote at the annual meeting and to use free cash to make up the deficiencies for the Bull Hill Road well project. Discussion of no parking signs for well head protection area. Kevin Swail to talk to Charlie Durfee and look into wooden guardrails with gates to protect the area. The deed is prepared for the land gift on Miner Road, just waiting for signatures.
11. Treasurer and Collector's report: Katie Lemanski reported that there were \$ 189,525.16 in outstanding collections not including the mall and \$ 295,148.23 including the mall. Katie Lemanski sent a letter to the retirees with the new rates for the health insurance, effective in January. Discussion of payroll service used. Katie has researched vendors and will wait until January to see how the Town makes out with their new payroll service provider before recommending a change.
 12. Legal issues/mall billing: Mark Siegars to update the amount owed from the mall and to file with the court on Monday, November 04, 2024.
 13. Mark Siegers provided an update on the MA Rural Water Association Recovery for PFAS class action lawsuit. He received a notice from the court about the law firm and will contact them.
 14. Superintendent's report: Kevin Swail reported that the new truck has been delivered, and he will get it registered. The new sample station has arrived and will be placed at Narragansett Park. It was a busy summer with 5 water mains put in.
 15. Gifting of sick time to another employee: It was decided that the person receiving the gift will be paid the amount of hours given, to a maximum of 40 hours, at his/her (the recipient's) hourly rate of pay. Cindy Roughley to create a form for the gifting of sick time. Aaron Williams made a motion that forms received for the gifting of sick time up to 40 hours maximum should be submitted to the head of HR and any additional requests require the Board of Commissioners' approval. Mary Reilly seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 16. The next regular meeting will be on Friday, December 06, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
 17. William Prendergast adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.