

Water Commissioner's Monthly Meeting
March 8, 2017

Ken Morin, Chairman
Steve Call, Commissioner
Bruce Merriam, Commissioner
Michael Brown, Water Superintendent
Suzanne Leh, Clerk/Collector
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
Dave Thompson, Finance Committee
Steve Constantine, Finance Committee

Ken Morin opened the meeting at 5:00pm. Bruce Merriam made the motion to accept the minutes of January 25, 2017 as printed. Steve Call seconded. All in Favor.

Bridge of Names – Ken suggested that we meet at the Lake Pleasant Pump Station so that we could tour the Bridge of Names as we are supporting the structure and paying the lights at the bridge. Discussion followed regarding our liability insurance for the bridge and the possibility of giving the Bridge of Names back to the town of Lake Pleasant.

Drought Update – Lake came up full two weeks ago. Wells are slowly coming back. Ground water is coming into the treatment facility and that had been bone dry. Lake should be going over the dam in the next couple days.

FY18 Articles – Mike explained that the large tank inspection is about to be due. We do the smaller ones ourselves. Actual price expected to be less as he will get more quotes. Revolving fund monies discussed. General Pierce Bridge goes out to bid in 2019 and he would like to move money from water surplus/free cash to slush fund, possibly \$100K for interconnection with Greenfield. Eileen recommends taking from water surplus. Mass Save came in and gave an estimate for insulation in the office. Should save us approximately \$450 annually in heating bills. Hoping to add ceiling fans to push heat down and lights need to be updated. Capital Improvement Plan—no money requested as Tata & Howard said more grants expected.

District Accountant – Asked for approval to increase Lake Pleasant semi-annual street light bill from \$15.00 to \$19.00 as district is now paying lights at Bridge of Names and decreased active services. Bruce made motion to increase from \$15 to \$19 per billing period. Steve Call seconded. All in favor.

Laurel Realty- Continues to pay \$1,800.00 monthly payment. Mike called owner a couple times that there is nothing major but he does have a small leak. Owner said he would follow up but has not done anything.

Clerk/Collector – Backflow billing and abatements were presented and signed. Billing/Payments comparisons reviewed.

Finance Committee – Eileen reminded Dave that the finance committee needs to have a meeting prior to upcoming annual district meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for April 5, 2017 at **Lake Pleasant Pump Station**.
Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.