

Water Commissioners' & Finance Committee's Monthly Meeting
November 2, 2016

Ken Morin, Chairman
Steve Call, Commissioner
Bruce Meriam, Commissioner
Suzanne Leh, Clerk/Collector
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
Steve Constantine, Finance Committee
John Collins, Mohawk Ramblers
Paul Grimard, Mohawk Ramblers

Ken Morin opened the meeting at 5:04 p.m. Bruce Merriam made the motion to accept the minutes of October 5th. Steve Call seconded. All in favor.

Mohawk Ramblers - Final draft of the lease with the Ramblers was reviewed. Insurance concern was brought up by our attorney, but John Collins noted that they have insurance and their treasurer was going to check with their local agent to see if they need any changes to their policy. Discussion followed about the lease including the buffer zone to the property. Question was brought up if we would sell the property, but we would have to go out to bid to sell it. Everyone is on board with the terms of the lease. Mike will check with our attorney to see if it is ready to be signed. Bruce Merriam made motion to approve the lease. Steve Call seconded. All in favor. Water Department will cover the water line installation. John and Paul left at this time.

Assessment Management – We had put in for a grant through Tata & Howard for this, but Mike has not heard anything yet, even though the deadline was a few weeks ago.

Drought update - Steve asked about water usage. Mike noted that the usage was down for the past month, with an average of 548,000 gallons/day, one of the lowest month's he has seen. We pumped 17 million gallons of water for the month, down from an average of about 20 million. Ground water is still low, and levels are still quite low in the lake, but only about a foot in Well #2, and a about 2.3 feet in the new well. Stream flow is starting to turn around and go back up.

FY17 Budget – Mike explained that the professional services account is in the red because of an engineering study for the Lake Pleasant dam.

New pickup truck – Truck is almost ready. It is now being fitted for tool boxes, and will need a few more things including signs on the doors, strobe lights, and an inverter.

Laurel Realty Trust – Suzanne has not received a check from them. Mike noticed another leak this summer and called owner a few times.

District Accountant – Eileen mentioned that there is a possibility we may have a special district meeting soon to fund a used ambulance.

Clerk/Collector – Suzanne updated the Water Department handbook relating to separation pay and payroll now being bi-weekly. Commissioners signed the amendment. Commissioners also signed the water commitment for the recent bills. Steve Call noted that he would like to see Suzanne's title changed. Discussion followed.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

