

LONG BEACH WATER BOARD MEETING

February 24, 2020

Present: L. Kuczynski, B. Gallagher, M.L. McFadden
G.Parrish, Bill deFuniak

Laurel brought the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of January 2020 minutes: Motion Laurel - 2nd Bob

Approval of January 2020 Financials: Motion Laurel - 2nd Bob

Approval of February 2020 Special Meeting minutes: Motion Laurel - 2nd Bob

Approval of February 2020 Executive meeting minutes: Motion Laurel - 2nd Bob

Water Report: Greg Parrish

- * Samples in; by-products test done.
- * Top 10 list on Neptune: 2024 Lakeshore Drive - high usage; no flow past 3-7 days.

Sewers Project and potential water service upgrades

- * Special Session open to residents set up for Friday February 28 @ 1:00 to discuss potential water service upgrades in conjunction with the propose Lakeshore Drive sewer project
- * Announcement will be put in News-Dispatch
- * Greg will call Jim Mauer @ Haas (Town engineer) to ask him to attend
- * Mauer is working on preliminary report re: water main and also water service replacements on Lakeshore Drive
- * Bids out Memorial Day weekend
- * Mauer suggested installation of 8" water main for a million; Greg doesn't think this is needed
- * 7.2 million for sewers - to pay Michigan City via bond
- * Damage to streets during construction - will be part of the bid for sewer project
- * Michigan City said "Long Beach, you must set up your own sanitary system."
- * Two billings - (1) Michigan City covering larger amount and (2) Water Department
- * People on Lakeshore Drive don't have to tap in until their septic fails; 127/month maintenance fee
- * Penalty if residents have not tapped in @ 5 years; after 15 years, everyone will have to tap in.
Nothing is mandatory until then.
- * Greg suggests that we bite bullet and do water upgrade at same time (last upgrade approximately 15 years ago). All Long Beach residents will pay for water upgrade.

Budget Items raised by Greg

- * Greg raised issue of adding to budget two fire hydrant replacements. Rick is aware of this.
Bill said currently 24.50/month budgeted for hydrant maintenance.
First priority is hydrant at Stop 29 – so old, it cannot be repaired (no parts available)
Location of second hydrant at St. Lawrence/Foxdale
Greg estimates both \$20k (T&M) enough for both projects.
He's got the hydrants. He will get Woodruff out to look at it in next few weeks.

- * Service truck replacement

Current vehicle runs well, but is 7 years old @ 60k miles.
Typically, every five years to upgrade service truck, so it is time.
Laurel asks about possibility of leasing a truck;
Bill and Greg say that would not be best option.
Need to discuss with Rick; Greg will get a quote on a new truck.
Thinks \$50k will be price range. Laurel says it will be financed vs. paid in full.
Motion by Mary Lou: Greg will see what kind of a deal we can get on new truck
Seconded by Laurel; approved.

Water Bills for Robert Purdy

- * Purdy told Greg he didn't want to pay "penalty" (vs. "penalties") on pastdue bill.
Purdy's sprinkler system caused summer water usage to significantly increase -
Greg says there may be some other problem as well.
Greg had told Purdy his penalty charge could be excused but he didn't realize it was months of penalties (\$248) -- Greg will redirect such requests to Water Department in the future.
Purdy came in and paid his bill in full (minus \$248 in penalties) last week.
Motion by Mary Lou / Laurel seconded it: Write off the \$248 penalties; approved.

Old Business (Laurel):

- * Discussion of \$51,000 owed to the Town; Town suggests that it be split with Water Department -
@ 25,500 each. Table this discussion for now.
- * Letters to all LB residents re: ACH signups, elimination of 10-day grace period, and request for updates re: contact info. 2/3 went out in mail on Saturday 2/22; rest will go out today 2/24.

New Business:

- * Prime Real Estate former Hacienda tenant at 2146 Karwick, Suite C Meyercorp (Frank Meyer) at address since mid-May 2019.

Mary Lou contacted tenant (expecting it to be Prime Real Estate) regarding large balance on water bill. After discovering that Prime Real Estate had moved out in May 2019, and Meyercorp had moved in, Mary Lou transferred a 544.38 balance to Meyercorp.

Frank Meyer has agreed to pay for services since mid-May 2019.

Prime Real estate still owes \$183.22 – Owner of Hacienda properties (Ken Z) told Mary Lou that folks at Prime Real Estate are "deadbeats" i.e., will not pay.

Motion by Laurel to write off balance. Seconded by Mary Lou; approved.

- * CIVIC needs to help us with adding another base charge for sewers.

We need to know when anyone taps in and warrants usage charges.

Also, Bob asks Greg about issuance of Occupancy permit - i.e., when someone moves in at Hacienda. We need to anticipate and problem-solve a situation when we'd be shutting water off for a service we don't provide, i.e., if Michigan City Sanitary District were to ask us to shut off water if person isn't paying their sewage bill.

Anything from the floor:

- * Bill talked to Horizon Bank about getting new hires Lynne/Jean access to account.

Claims in the amount of \$31,582.67

- * Laurel says all in good order; motion to approve. Bob – 2nd.

Next meeting: March 23, 2020

Laurel called for adjournment at 10:00 a.m.; Bob - 2nd.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Conlon