

Regular Meeting – October 12, 2017

Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on October 12, 2017 at 9:00am at the District Town Hall office.

Roll call: Present; Timothy Meekma, Cheryl Witkowski, Dale Macheel, Colleen Crane, and Edwin Benter. Also present: Kip Elliot, operator; and Kathleen Rydquist, clerk-coordinator.

Correspondence: none

Audience participation: none

Motion by C. Witkowski, second E. Benter to approve the minutes of September 14, 2017 and September 18, 2017 and the Agenda for October 12, 2017. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Witkowski, second D. Macheel to approve the financial statement of September 14, 2017, subject to audit. All yes. Motion carried.

Operators report: attached.

K. Elliot discussed the possibility of vandalism in the area served by Lift Station #4 located on Chief Kuno Trail across from Fox Lake Villas. The Lift Station only serves the homes and trailers on the private road between Howard Drive and Chief Kuno Trail. The station pumps have been pulled and fabric/string/mop head parts removed. The station was then pumped out, all wastewater and debris removed. Within a short period of time the pumps malfunctioned and debris removal, pulling the pumps, and pumping out the station was repeated. Someone could be flushing debris into the system intentionally. The question is, "Should the homeowners who are served by LS 4 be cited and charged for the frequent service calls to this lift because of someone's carelessness or vandalism?" The property owners on the private road include Fox Lake Villas, Wedges, LLC, and several individual homes. Letters, pictures showing the clogged pumps, and "do not flush" signs will be delivered to each residence with larger packets for the businesses. Discussion followed regarding a customer complaint of vandalism to the collection system on their property. The District will contact the authorities to seek possible assistance in identifying the person/persons who may be involved. A motion was made by C. Witkowski, second D. Macheel to discuss the District Ordinance as it relates to vandalism and malicious mischief, circumstances for writing citations, and the possibility, where possible, of issuing citations to property owners serviced by a particular station in the next Newsletter. The amount of the citation would be based on the cost to the district of repairs, labor, parts, and pumping. Before publication, the article would be reviewed by our attorney. All yes. Motion carried.

WCC report:

ECS continues to be in violation of the copper limit. It was suggested again that perhaps the fine for exceeding the copper limit should be raised. The point is to reduce the copper not drive the company out of business. A motion was made by E. Benter, second D. Macheel to write a letter to the Fox Lake Wastewater Control Commission stating that we believe ECS is in violation of the Commissions' Sewer User Ordinance by exceeding the copper limit of 0.294 and the intent of the Contract. By not enforcing the contract, the Commission is in violation of the agreement. All yes. Motion carried. Attorney O'Connor will be contacted for review.

Clerk-coordinator report:

1] We met at the Kamp property on September 22. After walking the property, Kathy Turner from NRCS stated that they work with cropland and as it was covered in corn, she could not get a look at the lay of the land and had no suggestions at the time. A return visit after harvest is indicated. LCD was not Regular Meeting – October 12, 2017, page 2

present as to a last minute scheduling conflict.

2] On November 14, 2017 at 6:30pm the District will host the Dodge County Lakes Group at The Watermark in Beaver Dam. Our guest speaker will be Jamie Patton, UW-Extension Shawano County Agriculture Agent. We are hoping for a good turn-out.

3] The second part of the Newsletter will be written and sent near the end of the month. Contents will include sections of our ordinance and an invitation to the lakes group meeting.

County report:

The meeting was short. Twenty Five reports have yet to be filed for Farmland Preservation. The County sponsored well test found 33 participants. John Bohonek and the LCD will be working on the Wildcat Creek area. Another meeting was held after the LCC meeting to get more information about nutrient trading between municipalities/wastewater treatment plants and farmers.

Town report:

1] On November 13th at 6:30pm there will be a budget hearing asking for a 35% increase for roads.

2] There were two variances approved for the Town: New home build on DelBern Acres for Akins; Zimmerman property division for two residences with one driveway.

Old business:

1] Discussion/action re high nitrates in surface/groundwater – Neal O'Reilly attended the meeting at the Kamp property. We discussed parts of the Drew Creek Project.

2] Discussion/action re collection system upgrades/hookups – tabled

3] Discussion/action re purchase of a used boat for hauling equipment – Boat and trailer purchased as per Chairman.

4] Discussion/action re Martens maintenance easement – Not able to contact. Tabled.

5] Discussion re Clerk-coordinator retirement/Interview questions – Will address in closed session.

New business:

1] Discussion/action re discontinue sewer service with multiple laterals – As per engineer, when two properties are joined, one cottage permanently removed, and one cottage remains (may be remodeled or replaced with new build), one of the laterals that served the property must be permanently capped off where it meets the sanitary sewer.

2] Discussion/action re website – C. Witkowski, C. Crane, Ray Caballero, and Wendy Crary met to discuss a new combined website. Ray stated that the Town has more requirements than are available and would prefer to not do this as a group. The FLPO and District fee for development would be \$6640. Just the District would be about \$3000. There was discussion as to whether the grant would pay for both entities. The clerk stated that the grant was only intended for the District. We will investigate.

3] Sign the levy letters – the letters were signed.

4] Discussion/action re mops/debris in lift and grinder stations. This was discussed under the Operators report.

Motion by C. Witkowski, second D. Macheel to pay the bills. All yes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be November 16, 2017 at 9:00am.

Motion by E. Benter, second C Witkowski to move into CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION according to Ss 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. All yes. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting – October 12, 2017, page 3

Motion by T. Meekma, second D. Macheel to close the Executive Session and return to regular session. All yes. Motion carried.

The Board decided to advertise for a new employee one more time. C. Crane volunteered to make small revisions to the original ad for resubmission. Resumes would be accepted until October 31. The date to review the resumes will be set for early November.

Motion to adjourn by C. Witkowski, second D. Macheel. All yes. Motion carried