

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT SEWER AUTHORITY AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M. HELD REMOTELY THROUGH ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

CALL TO ORDER: Raymond Turri called the meeting to order at 3:02PM.

ATTENDANCE: Board members attending Raymond Turri, James Mersfelder, Dave Hazan, Alfred Shull, Alternate Norval Lunan, Alternate Jerry Abrahams, also attending Tax Collector/Clerk Laurie Mosley and.

EXCUSED: Plant Superintendent Mark Theriault

Ray took a moment to read Richard Reis's resignation letter received on March 31, 2022. Richard had to resign, he sold his property and is no longer a Woodridge Lake Property owner and is now ineligible to be on the WLSA Board. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Jim Mersfelder, seconded by Alfred Shull to accept Richard Reis's resignation. **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.** Richard has done a lot for the WLSA board and will be very much missed. Ray Turri then discussed the filling of his vacated position. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Raymond Turri, seconded by Jim Mersfelder to seat Jerry Abrahams into the vacated position of Director for both the WLSA Board of Directors and Authority, term expiring in 2023. No discussion, **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular board meeting held March 8, 2022 was presented for approval. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Alfred Shull, seconded by Jerry Abrahams to accept the minutes as presented; No corrections or discussions. **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORT FROM PLANT SUPERINTENDENT AKA CHIEF OPERATOR- MARK THERIAULT

Mark was on vacation for this meeting, his report was presented.

- The guys along with Mark, have been working in the garage to scrub the floor and put a fresh coat of paint on it. It's been two years since they painted it last and it needed it. Garage looks nice again.
- They put the plow and sander away for the season, both worked great all winter without any issues. Both have been serviced for storage and are ready for next season.
- Eastern is almost finished with the plant manhole rebuild. Eastern told Mark that in one more day, it should be done. Also, Pump 1 at station 8 is almost finished, they are in the process of putting it back together. Pump 2 at station 9 is almost finished; they are waiting for a seal.
- NIC sent Mark a recommended list of spare parts for the SCADA system. It seems availability and shipping times together are making repairs more challenging. Mark had NIC order all the parts that they recommend we should have. The total cost is \$14,600 they requested ½ down to order. , **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Jim Mersfelder, seconded by Alfred Shull to accept the bid of \$14,600 from NIC for the spare parts to the SCADA system. No discussion, **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED**
- Conor did a nice job regarding the driveway, as well as the road out to the cell tower. The driveway held up very nicely throughout the winter even with all the melting and refreezing. The road to the cell tower always needs work in the spring.
- Mark had a hard time keeping the gate at station 6 closed and locked due to the post on the left side being broken off. There was lots of foot traffic going through there. So, Mark put two more

chains with locks on the gate and hinge side of the gate and that seems to have resolved the issue.

FLOWS: The average daily flow for March was 109,000gpd and the total rainfall was 2.69in. The average daily flow to date for April has been 122,000gpd and the rainfall has been 1.2in.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Jim has taken over the position of reporting the treasurer's report. He has set up a new spreadsheet that he likes. He reported the items that have increased our spending this year so that everyone understands the new budget going forward. This year brought many unbudgeted repairs for the Plant and Collection systems totaling \$170,000 over budget. Personnel expense is up over \$25,000 due to overtime and increases. Income is over budget due to many permits and collection of back taxes, interest and lien fees.

Delinquent Report. Laurie reported that she had a banner month in collecting back taxes. Her Marshal also collected a large amount on the Selmani account, which was 5 years back. As of March 31 only 22 remain with a total of \$16,080.24, which if compared to past years is the best it has been in 20 + years. All remaining delinquent accounts were liened last week. There is only one account left in foreclosure, the Wollerstein property, which is two years behind in taxes.

The Board had no reason to go into Executive Session this month.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS-

Jerry Abrahams reported that he and Jim participated in the first meeting of the Bantam Lake Watershed Steering Committee meeting on March 29.

Participants included towns of Torrington, Goshen, Litchfield, Morris as well as Bantam Lake Protective Association, White Memorial and the Housatonic Valley Association and of course WLSL. Towns were well represented by Selectman including Denise Raap from Litchfield.

*Note- we have been working with the Bantam Lake Protective Association, the equivalent of our Lake & Dam Committee, to understand the results of the EPA/DEEP water quality study of Bantam Lake which identifies the sources of high nutrient contamination. Our plant appears to be a significant contributor to the high nutrient level and, if we go to Litchfield, 60% of the problem will be eliminated.

Meeting was well organized and Jim Fischer did a great job of summarizing the issue at hand. At the meeting, Jim Mersfelder related the obstacles WLSL has encountered with developing a remedy to our consent decree with DEEP and the cooperation from Litchfield that is required if the goals of steering committee are to be realized. Jerry sees this as a good start to getting the information out to the public and solving our collection and processing procedure.

SLATE OF OFFICERS- (See attached slate) Ray Turri presented the Slate of Officers for 2022-2023 that will be recommended at the Annual meeting on April 30th. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Alfred Shull, seconded by Raymond Turri, to accept the Slate of Officers as presented. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

SETTING OF DATE FOR THE MEETING OF THE VOTERS OF THE WLSL FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING, LAYING THE TAX AND FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022-

Ray Turri commented that the Board will recommend the scheduling of the meeting to be May 28, 2022 following the WLPOA meeting at 930AM at the clubhouse. Jim presented the proposed budget and tax

payer letter to the board during the week and they all discussed and agreed upon the presented drafts. The budget would need an increase in the mil rate to 5.2.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING- None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by Raymond Turri, to adjourn at 3:40PM. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Shull, Clerk

Laurie Mosley, Recording Clerk

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT SEWER AUTHORITY
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**SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER
DISTRICT 2022/2023**

Nominated, all to serve a one (1) year term:

Raymond A. Turri, President
James L. Mersfelder, Vice President/Treasurer
Alfred L. Shull, Clerk
David Hazan, Director
Jerry Abrahams, Director

**SLATE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT SEWER AUTHORITY**

Nominated, to serve a three (3) year term:

Raymond A. Turri, Chairman	Term to expire April 2025
James L. Mersfelder, Vice Chairman	Term to expire April 2025
Alfred L. Shull, Secretary	Term to expire April 2023
David Hazan, Member	Term to expire April 2024
Jerry Abrahams, Member	Term to expire April 2023

Alternates-

Norval Lunan	Term to expire April 2024
Vacancy	Term to expire April 2025

BY: Raymond A. Turri, President

BY: Alfred L. Shull, Clerk