

Groveland Water & Sewer Commissioners' Approved Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2023

Attending: Commissioner Bill Dunn, Commissioner Patrick Corr, and Commissioner Terry Grim

Superintendent: Colin Stokes

Office Manager: Heather Torres

Guests: Town Administrator Rebecca Oldham

**Commissioner Terry Grim made a motion to open the meeting at 5:00pm. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Dunn. All were in favor.**

New Well Project Funding Discussion

Superintendent Colin Stokes stated the town is not borrowing money this upcoming year. The well project is not big enough for anyone to pick it up. We can get a bond anticipation notice. We would pay interest until the town borrows money or we could wait until next fiscal year to borrow money when the town borrows money for a new roof. Commissioner Terry Grim asked what the interest rate would be. Superintendent Colin Stokes will get the interest rates from Town Administrator Rebecca Oldham.

Operations Center Dedication Plaque

Superintendent Colin Stokes spoke with the Light Department and Town Administrator Rebecca Oldham. The Water Department owns the Water and Sewer building. The building can be dedicated to former Commissioner Jim Sheehan.

**Commissioner Terry Grim made a motion to authorize a plaque dedicated to Jim Sheehan as Superintendent Colin Stokes described. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Dunn. All were in favor.**

Public Outreach Discussion

The following information will be included with the next bill: Water and Sewer Department contact numbers, billing cycle, website, email addresses, etc. The Commissioners requested the following information also be included: all Water and Sewer Board of Commissioners meetings are posted 48 hours in advance, upcoming projects, and updates on current projects. Commissioner Bill Dunn asked if neighbors were notified about the sewer project. Yes, neighbors received notifications from the Conservation Commission and Planning Board. Bill Daley will wrap up the sewer project for the winter. It will start up again once the turtles allow. Bill Daley is talking with the Highway Department regarding temporary patching. The road will be repaved in the fall.

Approve Past Meeting Minutes

**Commissioner Terry Grim made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 1/9/23. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Dunn. All were in favor.**

Sign Departmental Paperwork

Commissioner Bill Dunn signed departmental paperwork.

Items not reasonably anticipated at the time of posting

Water break last Friday night on Ashcroft by the rail trail. The crew was there until 9pm. The break and digging was a textbook case.

Late bills will be mailed out next Wednesday.

Splash Pad- CPC grant to build a splash park at the Pines. It would be open for 6 weeks, 4 hours per day. Town Administrator Rebecca Oldham joined the meeting. Based on the manufacturer's specs, the cost of water for the splash pad would be the following: \$20,000 at regular rates, \$10,800 charged at the first two tiers, and \$9,900 charged at the minimum rate. The water does not recirculate. Commissioner Bill Dunn supports the Water and Sewer Department charging the town a discounted water rate. Commissioner Terry Grim would like to offer a 1 year trial and revisit next year. If there is a water ban, the town will comply with it. The CPC grant will cover the installation of the splash pad however; the town will cover the operating costs. Commissioner Bill Dunn stated the town is getting the discount, which means the taxpayers are getting the discount. It averages out to \$3-\$6 per household. Superintendent Colin Stokes will speak with the Town Administrator Rebecca Oldham regarding indirect costs.

Commissioner Bill Dunn asked when will the budget be summited? Superintendent Colin Stokes is sitting with the Finance Committee on 3/1/23.

Brief discussion regarding available commissioner seats.

**Commissioner Terry Grim made a motion to close the meeting at 5:50PM. Seconded by Commissioner William Dunn. Two were in favor, one absent.**

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Torres