

Pillsbury Lake Village District
Monthly Meeting February 10, 2025

Meeting Called to order at 4:30

Roll Call: Chairman Andrew Pomeroy, Commissioner Michael Malecha, Commissioner Susan Lawrence, Treasurer Jamie Dow, Melissa Pomeroy, Theodore Pomeroy, Jennifer Buck, John Maraganis, Rachel Gagnon. On Zoom, Clerk Alison Scott, Mary Lou Maraganis, Heidi Babb, Amanda Benevides, Claudette Levesque, Dianne Laufer

Action Items

- Alison to provide the January monthly meeting minutes PDF to Jamie.
- Provide DES with a list of contacts for the water system.
- Explore moving the generator from the Peninsula site to the Franklin Pierce site.
- Determine how to handle the surplus funds from 2024, whether to put them in a capital reserve fund or use them to offset the 2025 budget.
- Pull the clubhouse invoices for electricity, propane, and other utilities from 2023 and 2024 to analyze the data.
- Follow up with Sandy regarding the t-shirt sales and any discrepancies.

Chairman Andrew makes a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, which are approved by motion and seconded by Michael.

Michael suggests announcing the interim chairmanship publicly, as Michael had taken over temporarily due to personal reasons. Chairman Andrew confirms that he is back and discusses the need to establish contacts with DDS, forwarding emails to the clubhouse email.

Updates on Grants and Loans

Chairman Andrew discusses the favorable acceptance of a new loan for installing a well at Franklin Pierce, pending a March hearing to finalize state legislation. The potential impact of federal funding delays on state allocations is mentioned, with a balance needed between smaller projects and larger ones. Chairman Andrew explains the necessity of keeping Peninsula's tank and generator connected until the system's capacity is met. Commissioner Michael and Chairman Andrew discuss the logistics of moving the generator and the associated propane tank.

Budget Hearing and Water System Operations

Andrew outlines the budget hearing process, including the need to be aware of potential changes in the Dan Innis Bill.

Jamie explains the method of calculating water bills, which are based on the last calendar quarter's water use.

The rate for 2025 Quarter 1 is set at 11 cents per gallon, a significant reduction from the previous rate. Michael emphasizes the importance of understanding the billing process to avoid confusion among customers.

Discussion on Water System Surplus and Budget Adjustments

Andrew and Jamie discuss the surplus from 2024 and how it should be allocated, either reducing the budget or establishing a capital reserve fund. The need to balance the budget while being fair to customers who have paid their bills on time is highlighted. Jamie suggests using the surplus to offset the budget rather than reimbursing customers. The importance of maintaining a reserve fund for future unanticipated expenses is emphasized.

Clubhouse Finances and Expenses

Treasurer Jamie presents the clubhouse expenses, including rentals, donations, and capital expenses. The clubhouse is currently in the red \$60. The Commissioners share concerns about the financial management of clubhouse. Jamie suggests comparing the clubhouse expenses from 2023 to 2024 to identify any significant changes.

5:15 Andrew makes a motion to go to non-public it is second and the public is dismissed briefly.

5:30 Meeting is opened back up to public.

Andrew makes a motion to approve the Treasurers report, it is second and is moved.

Monthly Meeting is adjourned at 5:30
Budget Hearing immediately to follow