

PILLSBURY LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

PLVD Board Members Present: Lisa Robinson (Chairperson), Debbie Grotheer, Andrew Pomeroy

Also Present: Mary Lou & John Maraganis, Donna & Peter Kenney, Georgette Bachelder, Mark Grotheer, Robert Porter

Zoom link: Claudette Levesque, Christie Holland, Michael Malecha

Chairperson Robinson opened the meeting and took attendance.

The first item on the agenda was discussion on deweeding. Michael Malecha presented the commissioners with an update on the Love Our Lake committee and with two Solitude contracts. The first for the permitting at a cost of \$1990.00. To be voted on today so that Solitude could get started with the necessary paperwork that is required for the State to begin treatment in 2023. The second contract in the amount of \$34,074.00 does not need to be decided on until after the annual meeting in March, 2023, when there would need to be a warrant article to procure the remaining funds if voted. Michael explained that the warrant article should be at least \$22,000 so as to have the funds for permitting in December 2023 and then a vote in March 2024 for treatment in 2024. He wanted to keep the price low for the comfort of the community members. Commissioner Pomeroy gave more information regarding the long term project that they hope this to be and that this is a warrant article which would adjust every year. Commissioner Grotheer shared that there was currently \$17, 663.93 and there would be \$3500 still in the bank after this project was done. More discussion continued on how the product worked and the research done by the Love Our Lake Committee.

Commissioner Robinson stated that she wanted to make sure that we would be asking for enough money in the warrant article to cover that follow up treatment and expressed that she thought we should possibly ask for a little more, even just \$1500 so that there would be \$5000 left in the account. Commissioner Grotheer stated that we have too much of a hard time getting people in the community to pay for anything that we should not ask for more.

Commissioner Pomeroy states that the community would be more likely to accept this solution on a year to year basis. Commissioner Robinson was worried about creating a long term plan but not having the money to do that as in the past when a plan was created but other boards or possibly not going forward with the plans as established. Commissioner Grotheer stated that we had not had a plan in the past. Commissioner Robinson disagreed and said that Solitude was the one that did it. She stated that she just wanted to make sure that if we do go forward that we can make sure there is a plan to have it keep going. Mark Grotheer stated that this year will be an aggressive treatment and that hopefully we will even be able to skip a year of treatment. He also stated that the State may only grant us to treat 15 acres which would mean that there would be more money left over. Georgette Bachelder asked what type of chemical was used and how long would people need to be out of the water. Commissioner Robinson responded that it was called Sonar One. Discussion concluded that people would need to be

out of the water for 4 hours. Again discussion went on to not put too much money in a warrant article for this year, just what is needed for permitting the following year. Commissioner Grotheer asked if there was any more discussion and made a motion that we sign the document, pay the \$1990.00 and work with Michael to get the proper warrant article written for March. Commissioner Robinson asked just to be clear that the motion was just for the \$1990.00 and the warrant article would come when we talk about warrants later in the meeting. So as to come up with that figure later. Commissioner Grotheer said no that her motion is to include, to help Michael write the warrant article. Commissioner Robinson stated so that's actually 2 motions. Commissioner Grotheer says no it's all in one. Michael Malecha asked if that was for the \$22,000 and Commissioner Grotheer confirmed the amount. This was seconded by Commissioner Pomeroy.

Vote:

Commissioner Robinson: No

Commissioner Grotheer: Yes

Commissioner Pomeroy: Yes

Review of Treasurer report. Treasurer Dow was not in attendance. Commissioner Robinson stated that she had not seen any of the bills and that they usually come to her as she has noticed discrepancies in them before. Commissioner Grotheer stated that they looked like normal bills. Commissioner Robinson stated that at one point the bills were only going to her and that she had notified Aquamen that the bills need to also be going to the Treasurer. Commissioner Robinson shared she had not had the chance to look at them but that she was going to look at them quickly. Commissioner Grotheer mentioned that we needed to add the new check for Solitude for \$1990.00. Commissioner Pomeroy asked if all the past due bills were paid and if there were shut offs. Commissioner Robinson said all customers had paid and there were no shut offs however there was one customer who made a payment arrangement that she didn't believe had made a payment as of yet. Commissioner Grotheer then asked if we could move on to something else since we had people waiting. Commissioner Robinson stated she was just finishing looking at the bills. Commissioner Pomeroy then asked to review the bills as well. Commissioner Grotheer asked when we could put in Gary's resignation. Commissioner Robinson stated that we could deal with that last as we really needed to start talking about warrant articles. Commissioner Robinson shared with the board that she had contacted the town regarding our trust fund statements that we hadn't been getting. We received an email back from Dana Hadley, Town Administrator that he had not gotten his either and he is working with the new Trustee of Trust funds to get that to us. She stated those balances on the treasurer report will hopefully be updated when we get those. Motion was made by Commissioner Robinson to approve the treasurer's report. Commissioner Grotheer seconded.

Vote:

Commissioner Robinson: Yes

Commissioner Grotheer: Yes

Commissioner Pomeroy: Yes

Water system update and concerns were addressed. Commissioner Robinson shared that Aquamen has been digging on Mt. Vernon to find a leak. She had been at these digs and they showed her corroded fittings that needed to be replaced as they would have been a leak soon. They will be cutting and capping 18 Mt. Vernon as it was learned they had a well. The main 3 gallon per minute leak has not been found yet. They also shared that they may be able to cut out a couple hundred feet of water main by moving the flushing hydrant up. Commissioner Grotheer asked if we would get a proposal for that. Commissioner Robinson said they had not gotten back to her with if that's definitely something they want to do and will reach out to them to see what the status is. She went on to state the DES loan/grant paperwork for an extension on the loan had been filled out, notarized and sent. Commissioner Grotheer stated that DES was not correct on the dates that Commissioner Pomeroy was commissioner. She also asked if we could start utilizing the District emails so that all communications can go through that. She had concerns that we are using personal emails that no one else can see or go into and look into for records. Commissioner Pomeroy said its only for cc'ing is what you're saying. Commissioner Robinson agreed. Discussion was held regarding getting the 2 Arsenic tanks that are left to rebled. A decision was made to table this until the next meeting to look into if the quote was still good as it had been done in March. Commissioner Robinson shared that we were notified of 2 homes getting wells which brings us down to 57/58 homes on the water system. She expressed that she would like to have a special meeting with DES to see where we go from here with funding projects and how to move forward. Lots of discussion happened with residents expressing their concern that the Wright & Pierce report was not being utilized. Commissioner Robinson told them a lot of things that are on that plan have been done. Donna Kenney shared that she wished it was online or somewhere for them to see what has been done. The current problem is how to fund the rest of the items going forward which were essentially the water mains and a new water source. Commissioner Pomeroy thought it would be a great idea to have someone from DES come and meet with us and the community. He also had asked about utilizing left over money from Concord Drive for a well. Commissioner Robinson shared that it is something they can certainly do if there is money left. Concerns were shared over how much would be left and what we could do with it. John Maraganis talked about getting bids to see how much it would cost to get a new well and hook it up. Commissioner Pomeroy shared that we can call any well company and get bids and that he will look into doing that. Donna Kenney shared that she thought there was a misconception about how horrible the water system is and that we should be investing in it. She has good water and that things have been really good. She thinks the misconception needs to be fixed and that we should stop the flow of people coming off the water system. She also shared concerns that people are getting wells without the proper paperwork and wells being too close to buried propane tanks. Commissioner Robinson shared that Mrs Kenney had valid points and that is why she has asked that we have a meeting with DES. Commissioner Grotheer asked if we are notifying people that are coming off the water that they still will need to pay for the Concord Drive Project. Commissioner Robinson responded that she has asked Treasurer Dow to make sure they know this when they come off and get the final bill. Commissioner Grotheer stated she doesn't believe that is being done. Community members had more discussion on the water system and how much had been made for repairs. Commissioner Pomeroy went over the repairs that have been made recently and talked about water capacity and saving that water. John Maraganis shared that we need to

continue to make improvements to the water system because it is here to stay. He also agreed that we need to speak with DES and get bids for projects. Peter Kenney brought up the Wright & Pierce report and that we need to be following it. Commissioner Grotheer suggested that we have a working session to organize all the information. She stated that she was never shown the Wright & Pierce Asset Management. Commissioner Robinson said there is a binder in the office and Wright & Pierce have it in their records. Mary Lou Maraganis stated that she thought it was important that we had a board that supported the water system. She asked Commissioner Robinson if she was for or against the water system. Commissioner Robinson stated that she has no opinion on the water system which is why she's encouraging a meeting with DES. She stated her opinion may be different than someone on the water because she has a private well and that it was okay to have different positions. Commissioner Grotheer said it was okay as long as Commissioner Robinson didn't go door to door again. Conversation was had that Commissioner Robinson went door to door when she was campaigning for the commissioner position. She stated that she did not want to pay for a water system that she doesn't use. Commissioner Grotheer stated that Commissioner Robinson didn't want to pay for the lake either. Commissioner Robinson said she doesn't utilize the lake. Commissioner Grotheer stated that Commissioner Robinson doesn't belong on the board. Disagreement was had between residents and commissioners about whether the board was a water board or a village district board. Commissioner Grotheer stated we are a water board not a village district. More conversation was had about Commissioner Grotheer not knowing about the Wright & Pierce report.

Commissioner Robinson moved to the warrant articles. They started talking about the warrants and what wasn't necessary for next year. They went over getting someone to do the plowing for this year. The state of the roads during the spring and the need to possibly bring in some new material for those roads. Commissioner Grotheer made mention that the permit to operate the clubhouse was expired and that she would call to get that renewed. Commissioner Robinson mentioned that Huckleberry Propane will be out to inspect the tanks and clubhouse furnace. The hope will be to switch over so there will be no more rental fee on the tanks as Huckleberry does not have that fee. It was determined that the Treasurer really needed to be in attendance as they had to go over the budget to address most of the items.

A resignation letter was shared with the community with regards to the clerks position. Mary Lou Maraganis asked who was doing the minutes for this meeting. Donna Kenney pointed to Commissioner Grotheer and stated she was. Commissioner Grotheer stated that she did not say she was taking the minutes and was not picking up slack today. Commissioner Pomeroy said we will get together the minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Robinson to accept the clerk's resignation. Seconded by Commissioner Pomeroy.

Vote:

Commissioner Robinson: Yes

Commissioner Pomeroy: Yes

Commissioner Grotheer: Yes

Commissioner Robinson stated that there is now an open clerk position and for community members to reach out if they were able to help.

Georgette Batchelder asked about doing a cookie swap on December 17. Commissioner Grotheer said she would get back to her so long as we get the permit to operate renewed. We had not yet found someone to do the rest of the work on the clubhouse. Conversation was had about a Christmas party, policies and insurance liability if alcohol was involved was discussed.

Next meeting was set for December 14 at 6:30pm.

Commissioner Grotheer read an online comment from Christie Holland that stated PLVD was a Village District not a water board. Commissioner Grotheer and Donna Kenney expressed their disagreement with Commissioner Grotheer stating she was voted onto a water board, Commissioner Robinson tried to read the rest of the comment stating it was a municipality.

Meeting was adjourned.