**PLVD Monthly Meeting**

September 8th, 2021 @ 6:30pm Via Zoom & Clubhouse

**Present: Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Goodwin, Commissioner Marks, Treasurer Doherty, and Clerk Heather Doherty**

**Attendees: Erin Poquette,** **John DiAngelis, Claudette Levesque, Christie Holland, Georgette Bachelder, Donna Kenney, Hannah Dunbar, Juile Craig, John Jewett, Pam and Bruce Waite, Diane Lauffer, Dinae French, Sandy Estep**

Commissioner Robinson opened the meeting at 6:35pm seconded by Commissioner Goodwin; and all were in favor. Minutes were not read from last monthly meeting but were posted on the website at pillsburylakedistrict.com. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve last month’s monthly minutes, all were in favor.

**Treasurers Report**

**Pending Bills**



**Additional Info:**

Treasurer Doherty stated that the department of revenue requires an MS535 to be signed by the commissioners and that the accountants who are doing our district audit prepared the MS535 for the board. He showed the papers to the commissioners, to which they viewed and signed. Treasurer Doherty stated he would then upload it to the districts DRA portal.

**Audit**

Treasurer Doherty stated that the audit is still on going and that hopefully things should be tired up by the end of the month and that the only other thing they asked for from the board was meter reads, so that they can do some comparison with invoices.

**Rec Field & Playground**

Commissioner Robinson gave an update on the baseball field saying that with all the rain this year, it has made that area very wet making the rest of the work delayed. Work will continue when the area and dry. The board thanked Commissioner Robinson’s father for mowing the rec filed and weed whacking. Commissioner Robinson stated that she found a used Zero Turn lawn mower that was very well maintained. Commissioner Goodwin stated he had also looked at it and tired it out and confirmed that it was in great condition and that it was a great price. Commissioner Robinson motioned to pay $1,800 for the lawn mower, Commissioner Goodwin Seconded; All were in favor. Treasurer Doherty stated that all the tree and stump removal has been done on the playground and that the fence has been fully installed. He thanked Carl Mathews for the help with rental equipment. Commissioner Goodwin stated he called the Hopkinton Transfer Station and confirmed that they would let the board dump the brush and stumps there for free. He will make the arrangements with the help of Treasurer Doherty. The board talked about possibly renting a dumpster the clean out the shed now that all the piping is gone and also because the clubhouse will need to be cleaned out as well. The board decided to get quotes first before voting and tabled the topic for the night.

**Deweeding**

Commissioner Goodwin stated there was no real updates other than he was planning on taking pictures one last time. *Sandy Estep* addressed her concern about the over growth of the lily pads and other plants and that she feels like she hasn’t seen a lot of clearance in the areas of Biochar. She went on to talk about how a woman from Fish and Game had come out once on a boat and did a survey on the lake. *Diane Lauffer* confirmed that maybe reaching out to the US Army Corps of Engineers in regards to draining and dredging would be a good idea. Talk of mechanical deweeding was brought up and Commissioner Goodwin reminded the community that this was talked about at a pervious meeting were someone from DES spoke about it and how it wasn’t possible because of the concern of disrupting the environment. Commissioner Robinson stated that they would look into other safe options for deweeding to see if there’s something that might work better. Commissioner Goodwin also brought up that the board needs to find out own owns the lake bed, if the district owns it or if it’s deeded to the properties, before doing anything to the bottom on the lake.

**Hunting Preserve**

Commissioner Goodwin stated there was no new updates and just reminded the community it was hunting season. Donna Kenney Commented about the new wetlands regulations and asked if this effected the Pillsbury Lake area. Commissioner Robinson said that she looked at the map and didn’t see Pillsbury Lake listed but wasn’t sure. Clerk Doherty stated that there was a meeting coming up at the town hall in regards to these new regulations and that they will probably have any answers.

**Water updates & Water Main Project Update:**

Commissioner Robinson stated Franklin Pierce well was 99.9% fixed, that there is less than 1 gallon per minute for leaks and went on to say that Franklin Pierce could run the entire community. She went on to state that all leaks on NH Drive were fixed and that the Peninsula well is still dealing with some leak issues but has been running a little better since replacing a transducer in well six which is going to cost $3000 for that fix but it was a must and since the fix it has been running fine. She expressed that she feels well five is in the same shape and would like Aquamen to look at it to see if the transducer in the well needs to be replaced as well consider that both well five and six were put in at the same time. She went on to state that it would be another $3000 if it needed to be placed too. She stated that they could do a frack and scrub of well five but that that cost would be much more than replacing the transducer which she strongly feels is the issue. Commissioner Goodwin Stated he thought Aquamen should take a look at it to access the situation. Treasurer Doherty stated that the district had plenty of money for extra fixes if needed. The board agreed to have Aquament access well five first before any decisions are made and that if the transducer needs to be replaced that it would be voted on in an emergency meeting. Commissioner Robinson went on to talk about the remaining leaks, that she would like them found and fixed before the start of winter. She also told the board that Harold for Aquamen said Deer Meadow has lines on both sides on the road, so Commissioner Robinson would like Aquamen to check for leaks over there, thinking that’s where some of the leaks may be coming from. *John DiAngelis* asked of Wright Pierce was going to repair all the lines, if that was in the proposal to the water main line work in the district. Commissioner Goodwin stated it was just for Concord Drive, that the board picked which area to have fixed based on the need and the amount of water users in that area, that Concord Drive was one of the high demand areas to be fixed. *Diane Lauffer* asked how many people were left on the water system. Commissioner Robinson stated about 66 people, and a couple more would be coming off. Commissioner Robinson talked about the rise in price on filters but that the board is still getting the best deal for them and they only need to be changed once a week. Commissioner Goodwin gave a brief update on the Concord Drive project saying that it’s getting close to the end, that they were just reconnecting some of the houses to the new main line and doing testing and that by the end of the week they should have all house reconnected and finishing their testing, then they’ll start digging up connections to remove and seal different areas. Most of this work will be on NH Drive. The question of when paving will start on Concord Drive was brought up. The commissioners have not been notified yet when that will start. Commissioner Robinson talked about Aquamen taking on meter read and invoicing, saying because herself and the clerk hadn’t been properly trained on doing the meter reads it’s becoming a longer process. Treasurer Doherty pointed out that there have been many issues with meters which is resulting to loss of revenue for the district. Commissioner Robinson stated that there have been several people tampering with meters which can result in a large fine and also contributes to the loss of revenue to the district. That it makes since to have Aquamen take over as they will be able to catch and address these issues quicker and that they already do this service for other water districts. *Sandy Estep* asked how much it would cost for Aquamen to take that over. Treasurer Doherty stated they quoted $450 a month which would be $13.50 a quarter. *John DiAngelis* asked if that price also cover the cost of meters if they needed to be fixed. Commissioner Robinson stated that it does not. *Juile Craig* asked if Aquamen would be sending out invoices and collecting the payments. Commissioner Robinson stated they would do meter reads and invoices only, but the checks would still be made and sent out to PLVD and that Treasurer Doherty would still be handling all accounts and deposits for the water costumers. Commissioner Robinson proposed two different scenarios for the water users bill, one being Aquamen taking over like stated above, and divide that amount amongst the water costumers or use through taxation. She also went on the say that because of the tampering of meters, getting rid of the meters all together and just charging the water costumers one flat fee was something to be considered as well. There were many questions in regards to this topic. The board agreed to look more into all these options and also reach out to NHMA to find out how something like this would need to be voted on. Commissioner Robinson stated she would put together a proposal and break down of all three options, which then Clerk Doherty would upload on the PLVD website for the community to read. Clerk Doherty stated she would let the community know when it was uploaded and would also send out an email blast. Commissioner Robinson motioned to table this topic until more research and information has been collected and put together, Commissioner Marks seconded; all were in favor.

**Clubhouse Update**

Commissioner Robinson stated that PLVD received the deed to the clubhouse along with the Easements & Restrictions. She went on to say that PLM is reasonable for discharging all the leans they had put on houses in the district and asked Christie Holland to do so, that this was something confirmed by the Deeds of Registry. She held up the paperwork with all that information. *Christie Holland* stated she would do that. Commissioner Goodwin wen on to say that she would like all the locks changed on the clubhouse. Treasurer Doherty stated he had called around and got a quote for $240 to have all locks changed to one master key and that comes with 3 master keys. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to get the locks changed and to spend up to a maximum of $240 for the service unless a community member would like to volunteer to do it, Commissioner Goodwin seconded; all were in favor. Commissioner Robinson talked about needing a committee for the clubhouse to oversee and to create a budget and also having a building inspection done on the clubhouse. Commissioner Marks said she would be Chair of that committee and that all people interested in volunteering should email her at plvd.marks@gmail.com. Treasurer Doherty asked Christie Holland about the past due water bill on the clubhouse and also if she would be providing PLVD the $2000 personal check that she had told the board and community she would provide when PLVD received the clubhouse. Christie Holland stated that she would take care of the bill as soon as she’s back in NH and that she would also take care of the $2000 check to PLVD.

**Public Comments**

*John DiAngelis* asked in there are any taxes for the clubhouse. Commissioner Robinson stated that there were taxes when it was own by PLM but now that PLVD owns it, there are no more taxes.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to close the meeting at 8:34pm, Commissioner Goodwin Seconded; all were in favor.

Summitted by,

Heather Doherty, Clerk