

## Pillsbury Lake Village District Monthly Meeting

September 11, 2023

Attendance: Chairman Andrew Pomeroy, Commissioner Lisa Robinson, Treasurer Jamie Dow

John Maraganis and Donna Kenney

On Zoom: Christie Marston

### **Meeting was called to order at 6:03**

Andrew Pomeroy made a motion to approve the August Meeting Minutes, Lisa Seconded, so moved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

No customers are passed 60 days. Five customers that are not current. Reminder that customers are assessed a \$25 late fee for every month that the account does not have a zero balance.

Bank balances do not reflect the reimbursement for Deweeding as the funds have not been received from the Trustees.

Playground is being leveled then needs to be seeded.

Jamie got a message that Donna Kenney received information from State Labs regarding the lake water testing. Donna is going to give a copy to Jamie. Jamie had info updated so it would come to PLVD.

Lisa motioned to approve the Treasurers report, Andrew seconded, so moved.

### **Water System Update**

Lisa reported average water use for everyone.

A customer put their meter on backwards. Jamie will include a note with their invoice.

Two meters are not working. 4 houses need to be read in front of their houses instead of the typical drive by. Lisa is storing meter at her home so that is stays cooler and Lisa ordered a new battery.

The mower needs a new solenoid. Andrew will take care of the greenery in front of the dam. There was a video of some people swimming right at the dam. No one recognized them as residents. There is a notice saying you are being recorded.

### **Clubhouse**

Last thing for club house is the exit light. Lisa suggested calling Irish Electric to fix it so that we can be finished and begin renting. People are requesting rentals. Jamie asked for thoughts for community clean-up day for club house. Andrew and Lisa were all for it. Donna requested a punch list be created to help organize the clean-up.

Regarding rental fees, Michael has collected rental fees for local halls for comparison. The rate still needs to be set. Proposing a price for Pillsbury Lake residents, Webster Residents and non-residents.

Lisa wanted to know if we should start a discussion regarding the next projects for the clubhouse for budgeting, such as window screen replacement. She proposed to do upstairs one-year, downstairs next year to keep up the property. Lisa suggested it be put on the agenda for next meeting. Donna Kenney suggested investigating more energy efficient windows.

## Playground

Not much else to do, some landscaping. Lisa was going to purchase a small climbing structure (\$100) and an outdoor Connect Four game (\$150). Next year plan for some more wood chips to replenish what has been packed down in the winter as we may need to add more to keep the 12" base as required by the insurance company.

Wayne Palmer had a tree come down on his property into the lake. Jamie referred him to DES.

John Maraganis asked if the commissioners were satisfied with the performance of Abby with regards to the search for money from the state. Lisa explained that the process is first step get the loan, after loans are received, then you go for the grants to pay off the loans. We couldn't get the loan in the first place. We need 60% of money to get approximately 40% in grants. We were not able to get the loans because we do not have the capital. An email was received today to let us know that the DED is now accepting applications with a deadline of Oct 13. Lisa will forward to Abby to discuss.

John asked how Abby is compensated. Lisa explained that she is paid for time on projects such as the drawings, maps and business plan. John stated his concern that this is the second year we have not received any funding. We need to go for something replacing piping seems to get a higher value than a new well. He is suggesting that we include a larger project along with a well installation.

Lisa answered, two years ago we got money, we had to turn it down, we hadn't completed Concord Drive, we didn't know what it would look like to pass this along to the water customers, since this was what was voted. So, we turned down the Deer Meadow project. We didn't get it because we aren't asking for enough. We need to explore adding Deer Meadow to the new well and what impact that will have on the water customers. Whether that is next year or not. Every cent of that is passed on to the water customers. This will have to be discussed and whatever is decided will have to be voted on at the March meeting. The email that was received today will be passed to Abby and discuss the best way to approach. We will keep applying and moving forward. Filters have been changed and are more cost effective, we have had 5 or 6 leaks been repaired. We should get double the life out of the arsenic filters. There are 4 or 5 lots for sale that may result in new customers. Lisa is looking into a Telemetry system for both pump houses to relay information directly to Aquamen to do the meter reads. (\$23-30,000). This would take care of daily meter reads. There is a cellular bill of \$800 that would be attached. We have 38,000 left from the Concord Drive project and Lisa is hoping use that money. Aquamen would install and monitor and maintain. This would upgrade the system to be more current with the times and benefit future boards. This will keep us compliant with DES with the daily readings. Lisa is going to reach out before end of the week to see if this possible.

Lisa made a motion that if we can use the remainder of the money to purchase that we move forward and purchase the system. Andrew seconded and the motion passed.

Jamie asked if the commissioners are okay with Jamie adding the GOV Pay information on the invoices. They said yes. Jamie did not get alerts. Lisa said that she might need to go in and pull reports. It is working, as one customer paid his late fee.

Lisa stated that the dehumidifier needs to be fixed. Andrew will go over tomorrow and look at it. Lisa reported that she replaced the light, cleared the growth around tanks and peninsula driveway.

Next meeting scheduled for October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13