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BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
20 Bridge Street, 10:00 a.m.

March 07, 2025

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held its regular meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, March 07, 2025.

Roll call: **Present:** William Prendergast, Chair; Mary Reilly, Board Member; Aaron Williams, Board Member; Mark Siegars, District Counsel; Kevin Swail, Superintendent; Cindy Roughley, Clerk. Katie Lemanski, Treasurer, via telephone

Also present: Keith Alfonso, Joe Alfonso, Steve Psutka, Ellene Parastatidis

William Prendergast opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

1. Ellene Parastatidis requested a payment plan of \$ 500 per month to pay amount owed in arrears. Once paid, the account must remain current. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the payment plan of \$ 500 per month. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Steve Psutka discussed the bills for the plaza on Route 7. He stated that he was told the police department would receive a bill for the space they are occupying, but he is still receiving a bill. He was referred to the Collector to request 3 individual accounts be set up for that property. Discussion regarding separate meters for each tenant/unit. Kevin Swail to contact Paul Traversa to find out if meters can be placed for each unit.
3. Keith and Joe Alfonso discussed getting water to property at 71 Miner Road. Current water line is about 3,000 feet from the property. The district needs a scope of work/design of project before continuing. Further discussion to occur after engineer has completed the scope of work. To be added to next month's agenda.
4. The warrant and payroll warrant for February 2025 were reviewed and signed.
5. The minutes from the meeting of February 07, 2025 were reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. There were no public comments.
7. There were no disputes.
8. There were no abatements. The revised abatement form, which was changed to include only the Chairman's signature line, was reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to approve the revised form. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
9. Website update: Cindy Roughley stated that there were 92 visitors to the website in the last 30 days.

10. Tanker rate: Mary Reilly made a motion to table the tanker rate discussion until the next meeting. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
11. Treasurer and Collector's report: Katie Lemanski reported that as of February 2025 there was an outstanding balance of \$ 59,942.58 owed to the water district. Initial budget report was given to the Board for review. Discussion of budget details will be added to next month's agenda. Katie and the Collector, Caren, are working with Unibank on some enhancements for online bill paying through Unipay.
12. Legal issues/mall billing: The Water District has filed a lawsuit and placed a lien on the mall property. No other changes, waiting on summary judgement, which could take up to two years.
13. MA Rural Water Association recovery for PFAS class action lawsuit update: continuing to pursue avenues of collection.
14. There will be a project update meeting regarding progress of the Bull Hill Road well at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at the water district office.
15. Superintendent's report: Kevin Swail reported that the sump pump in the water tank vault failed. He replaced the sump pump as well as outlets and smoke alarms. A new tarp has been put on the pickup truck. The pipe freeze ups in homes has calmed down. A platform will be built around the fire hydrant at the bottom of Summer Street.
16. Quotes for various types of ductile iron pipe: Aaron Williams reported that class 52 pipe with asphalt coating was recommended by Tighe and Bond.
17. The date for the next regular meeting will be Friday, April 04, 2025.
18. William Prendergast adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.