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

April 05, 2024

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held its regular meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, April 05, 2024.

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

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

1. The warrant and payroll warrant for March were reviewed and signed.
2. The minutes from the special meeting of February 16, 2024 and the regular meeting of March 01, 2024 were reviewed. Mary Reilly made separate motions to accept the minutes. Aaron Williams seconded the motions. All in favor, motions carried.
3. There were no public comments.
4. There were no disputes.
5. There were no abatements.
6. There were no website updates.
7. Mark Siegars received a letter regarding the MA Rural Water Association recovery for PFAS class action lawsuit stating one member was appealing the amount of the settlement, so the settlement will be delayed.
8. Regarding approval of borrowing authorization for capital projects and equipment: Mark Siegars to speak to Unibank about projects and a more detailed financing schedule, and to set up a meeting with Westfield water district for information on their processes for long term financing of capital projects.
9. Discussion of financing for backhoe. Mary Reilly made a motion to pay off the current loan. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
10. Katie Lemanski to check with Ford Motor Credit regarding the lease on the new truck for details of terms.
11. The bids came in for the Ocean and G Street project. The lowest bid was \$355,055.70, from Jack Goncalves and Sons, Inc. Aaron Williams made a motion to approve the contract with Jack Goncalves and Sons, Inc. Mary Reilly seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Katie Lemanski to pursue financing options for the project. A special meeting will be held to approve the borrowing for that project.
12. Katie Lemanski presented the initial budget for the next fiscal year. The Board of Commissioners will thoroughly review it prior to the next meeting.
13. Superintendent's report: Kevin Swail reported that the sanitary survey was done and that everything went okay. There were no shut offs completed. Discussion regarding

coverage while Kevin is on vacation. Mary Reilly made a motion to authorize the District to pay up to \$ 3,000 annually, not to exceed 80 hours, for licensed secondary operators to provide coverage for when the Superintendent is out. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Nick from Housatonic Basin will examine cross connections for non-residential buildings. The sample site off of Narragansett Avenue was approved by the DEP. Meter replacements and installations are on-going. The majority of the lead service line survey for inside has been completed and outside lines will be tested.

14. Aaron Williams asked the Board of Commissioners to consider a change in the standards from using both PVC and ductile iron pipes, to using only ductile iron going forward. This item be placed on the agenda for more discussion in the future.
15. William Prendergast adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.