

Approved: at
6/13/15
meeting

Township 29 Annual Meeting Minutes: June 14 2014

Attended: Kurt & Cathy Groesch; Wayne Ebel & Cyril Trask; King & Alice Rockhill; Janet & Russell Harvey; Sally & Henri Hardenberg; Claire Rich; Doris Hunter; Jennifer Bossman; Larry Schneider; Linda Hayward; Janice Tabbal; Jenanne Murphy, Bill & Jo Morrissy; Sai Spieler; daniel Goldsmith

Absent: Nancy & Jerry South; Susie & Roland Nelson; John Hayward; Larry & Dawn Howard; Tove Thorpe, Frank Flem; Cheryl Etheridge; Hank Vyrostek; Dustin South; Doug & Sheryl Joel; RF & Carol Johnson

A. Reading of minutes from June 2013 meeting: Minutes were read by Cyril Trask secretary, and approved with one change (Janice Tabel's name was misspelled).

B. Treasurer Report: Janice Tabal, treasurer reviewed and distributed the Treasurer Report. Janice encouraged to pay the membership fees on time in order for the Association to be able to pay our loan payments on time.

Total cost of the well project was \$240,000. The project is paid for.

C. Water Quality Report: The 2013 Water Annual Quality report was distributed to members as well as recent arsenic level report during the system operation in 2014.

Concern was raised about the lack of communication on the water project to the T-29 members. It was expressed that members would have liked to have more on-going updates on the project. The concern was noted and an increased effort will be made to communicate more frequently in the future. Email will be sent out to those who have email and the four members without email will get written updates mailed.

For time sensitive matters they will be contacted personally by phone. Doris and Claire have volunteered to help with the phone calling.

Concern was raised about the fluctuation in the arsenic amounts on our monthly reports. One concern was from a member wondering if King has the expertise needed to do this system. It was explained that this system is very complex and that it may take several months to get the all the fine tuning adjustments to the well to get a consistent level that is at or lower then the 10parts per billion. We were assured that we are still in compliance with the State.

In discovery it was reported that there are two other water districts on the island who had done similar arsenic abatement systems before ours, and both were way over budget(by several hundred thousand dollars) so it was felt that it was good we had the delays we did in our project so that we benefitted from the learning curve on these types of systems.

President Kurt Groesch will followup with the Health Department to obtain the final approval in writing (their sign- off).

Janice will put together a report on how much money is going to King to maintain this system. Their bill's have gone up as there are more chemicals needed to run the system and more man hours to do the testing.

Salt water intrusion was also brought up. We are just at the break point of 250 on a regular basis. This will need to be addressed in near future. The board is looking into some options for this. In the meantime it was stressed that everyone needs to continue to be aware of their water use and try to conserve at all times.

D. Amendment Proposal: there was an amendment proposed by the board of directors to look at our new user connection fee. Our current fee is \$2500.00 to connect a new user to the T- 29 system. This has not been changed since the first bi-laws were approved. There are currently 4 lots with out water connection in our T- 29.

The proposal which is based on what other water systems charge as well as advice from King is that we are way under charging for this. The proposal is to increase this one time fee for a new user to \$10, 000. This is very much in line with what all of the current users have essentially paid for the new system. It is also the only way for the township to build its reserve account.

The amendment proposal will be sent out to the members for a vote. This is just to bring the bi-laws up to date and will NOT affect any of the current water users.

New Business:

1) A discussion by the group and a suggestion for a budget to be developed so that we know where our money is going. Plan for a budget to be put together and distributed to the membership.

2)A member brought up the issue of a need for a capitol project plan. Given the age of our current water system (primarily the pipes > 4 " PVC pipes were installed in the 1970's) it was thought to be a good idea to put together a committee to address the costs of replacing the pipes as it was felt to be better to do a planned replacement vs an emergency

one after a pipe breaks. Volunteers were requested and Russell & Janet Harvey , Daniel Goldsmith and John Hayward have agreed to look into this.

3)_Crime in neighborhood- end of May 2 break-ins (Sari & Daniel's). Squatters in the green turret house on Scurlock (blankets over windows. Every one encouraged to keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles or persons. Write down vehicle info(make, model and license number) & call Sheriff's Dept if have concerns.

Also a rash of mailbox invasions from Green bank south- stealing mail for identity theft purposes. Everyone is encouraged to either pick up their mail as soon as it's delivered or to purchase a secure mailbox.

4 Well access road: temporary easement was granted on condition of removal once the well project was completed.

Plan: stop vehicle access immediately by placing bollard with chains across road and let the blackberries grow back in

Larry offered a surplus chain link fence

Clean-up of stair access: Wayne & Jennifer have offered to clean up ^Astⁿir access to pump house

5 The Board notified the membership that there was one lot owner who has not paid the annual fee or the assessment. Certified letter was sent and delivery was refused and phone calls are being ignored. Per the bi- laws the next step is to place a lien on the property and to charge 12% interest on the outstanding debt. No action required by the members, this was just to let members know what was going on.

F. Governance:

Cyril Trask the current secretary is resigning her position. Cathy Groesch was voted in as new secretary.

Kurt Groesch has resigned his position as President and Sally Hardenberg was voted in. Alice Rockhill has agreed to assist Sally in her duties.

Roland Nelson will remain on as Vice- President

Janice Tabal will remain on as treasurer

Committees:

Meter Reader: Sari Spieler

Disaster/Emergency preparation: Cathy Groesch; A handout of Disaster tips was passed out to members at the meeting

Phone Tree: Claire Rich

Doris Hunter

H. Miscellaneous:

28 lots

24 users

15 lots= quorum

Addendum: Health Department will formally sign off after one year of tracking the results

Meeting 6/14/14 10.30 am adjourned 11:50am; **NEXT YEAR'S**

MEETING SAT JUNE 13 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted Cathy Groesch