

**Township 29 Annual Meeting Minutes- June 10.2023**  
**10:12 a.m.called to order; adjourned 12:10p.pm.**

**Attended:** Sally and Henri Hardenberg, Kurt and Cathy Groesch, Jenanne Murphey, Lauren Rich, Sari Spieler, Daniel Goldsmith, Linda Hayward, Janice and John Tabbal, Nancy and Jerry South, Janet and Russell Harvey, Cyril Trask, King and Alice Rockwell, Doug and Sherry Joel, Jennifer Bosserman, , Ralph Palmer. **Dustin South, Anna Singh-Dao, Mike and Betty Russian, Doug Johnson**

**Absent:** Susie and Roland Nelson, Virginia Thomson, Dawn Howard, Doris Hunter, Pip Gordon, Jo and Bill Morrissey, David & Jamie Mott

**Announcements**

We spent a few minutes remembering John Hayward and Claire Rich's passing since our last meeting.

Thank you flowers and cards were handed out to Sally Hardenberg for her service to township T-29 as President

Janice Tabbal for her 13 years as township T-29 Treasurer

Sari Spieler for her 13 years of reading water meters

**Water Quality**

Doug handed out and reviewed the water quality report:

No arsenic violations

No nitrates

Increasing saltwater intrusion

We did have a chlorine violation. The filtration system injects chlorine to bind to the arsenic, allowing the larger arsenic particles to be filtered. We probably need to flush our system more often.

**Treasurer Report-**

At the end of May 2022, T-29 accounts contained a balance of \$74,371.04. At the end of May 2023, our account balance was \$47,509. 29. T-29 experienced higher expenses this year compared to last due to our well drilling efforts. We had budgeted \$35,000 for the well drilling and have spent \$30,904.03 to date.

This has brought our bank balance lower and everyone is encouraged to pay their assessment of \$1,300.00 in a timely manner (due by June 30<sup>th</sup>)

This is important so we remain in compliance with the State DOH requirements for reserve and operating funds.

We discussed that our existing loan will be paid off in 2027, after which mean our expenses will decrease. People were encouraged to be thinking about options of decreasing water rates as well as needs for building contingency funds. We tabled the conversation for now.

### **Meeting minutes**

Last year's meeting minutes were read and approved by membership

### **Meter Reader Report**

The annual summary report was distributed. We were reminded to pay attention to the grass around your meter. As the meters are read first of the month, to allow easy access, check your meter at end of month to make their job easier

### **Bylaws**

Two changes were voted on and adopted:

One is to strike the term "Chairman of the Board" as it is not used elsewhere in the document.

The second item was to change the dollar amount the board is authorized to spend before having to go to membership for a vote. The dollar amount was increased from \$500.00 to \$1500.00 which is more in line with inflation.

**NOTE:** everyone was reminded that the bylaws can be found on T-29 website which was just updated a week ago. <http://township29.com/> user: ID t29 Password: Bush\$Point

**Election of officers:** Nancy South agreed to become the T-29 President. Pip Gordon has agreed to be the Vice- President and Cathy Groesch has agreed to continue as T-29 Secretary for another term. The votes were taken and the above were approved for office.

### **New Business:**

We are sorting out who exactly has current keys to our well's pump house:

Doug Joel and Lauren Rich have keys that fit the current locks. Janet and Russel Harvey, Nancy South and Janice Tabbal also apparently have sets as well and will check to make sure they are the current keys. It was suggested that a set be kept in our Disaster bins with our walkie- talkies.

### **Assessment**

The well drilling assessment of \$1,300.00 is due by end of month. Discussion was centered on whether Treasurer can accept payment types other than by cash or checks. At this moment the answer is no. However, Janet Harvey offered to go to the bank with Lauren Rich and get Venmo and explore other no fee credit card services set up for possible future use.

## **Mailbox**

we are currently paying for a Post Office box, and were advised that future fees will likely keep going up. We have finally gotten permission to have a T-29 dedicated mailbox at the well site. The address will be 4900 Scurlock Road.

A reminder that once we get the mailbox, we will need to make sure we change some of our business addresses.

## **Well Project:**

The well was successfully drilled in new, upper aquifer and water was found at 92 feet. The pump was installed, and the well flow was measured and was shown to have good flow of about 14 gallons/minute. We estimate 10 gallons/ minute for our system would be adequate for our needs. After running the pump continuously for 2 hours, water samples taken and submitted for analytical testing. The samples submitted were found to have no arsenic or chloride but contained iron and magnesium.

A sign up sheet was passed around to get help with the maintenance of the pump area

## **Future Tasks**

The State DOH has outlined additional requirements before we can connect to our new well. They require a hydrogeologist's report in addition to a well head protection plan. Initial calls were made to two groups who provide these services, with estimates of additional costs for Hydrogeologist report of \$28,000, and a like amount for the Wellhead Protection Plan. The State requires us to have 3 bids and obviously with those prices we will continue to look for other vendors.

The Department of Health (DOH) says we have a new water source within an existing well head. No one seems to be taking into consideration that this is a very small water group and not a municipality when setting their pricing.

Lauren presented three options for funding:

Pursue an application for a grant

Pursue a loan application (there are some zero percent 10-year loans out there)

Pursue loan forgiveness- this would require all the membership to fill in a confidential questionnaire regarding income to see if we would qualify

The membership voted on the following every 60 days resolution: "Be it resolved the T-29 community approves the pursuit of a loan, pursuit of a grant, and pursuit of loan forgiveness"

A water committee (Janice Tabbal, Kurt Groesch, Jenanne Murphy) along with the board, will work on these items and will continue on committee until project is complete. Plan is to keep membership updated on progress and plans every 60 days.

## **Disaster Preparedness**

In the case of an emergency, residents are encouraged to bring available fire extinguishers to the edge of the street so they can be readily identified and for easier quick use.

A brief reminder about the Map the Neighborhood pamphlet is to keep a band aid inside the pamphlet so one can tape up the "Help" Or "O.K." sign on front window.

Some pointers on using fire extinguishers were reviewed:

NEVER walk towards a fire

ALWAYSs have someone watching your back. Cathy Groesch offered to set up times when actual fire extinguishers (expired) will be available to practice with.

Respectfully submitted.

Cathy Groesch T-29 Secretary