

MINUTES OF THE WALDO
WATER & SEWER UTILITY BOARD
APRIL 10, 2017
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Trustees Mark Spitz, Scott Wolfert, Dennis Reinemann, Mike Hintz and President Dan Schneider were present for the meeting. Also present were the incoming President Gary Dekker, and incoming Trustee Chris Madgwick. (Both had been sworn into office in the preceding Village Board meeting. Incoming Trustee Paul Wagner had also been sworn in but was unable to stay for both meetings.) About 20 visitors were also in attendance.

The Minutes from the March 13, 2017 meeting were approved after a motion by Mark Spitz and a second by Mike Hintz.

Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Brecht and President Schneider both spent time explaining the Treasurer's Report. Greater time spent tonight in order to help our newcomers and new visitors understand the Utility financials. Motion to approve the reports: Mark Spitz. Seconded: Dennis Reinemann. Approved. A copy of the Treasurer's Report will be included in the filing of the Minutes.

The monthly disbursements were reviewed. Of note is the largest of the year's Treatment Plant loan payments was included. This payment of \$142,664.35 is paid by both the Village and the Utility. The Village paid their portion in the preceding meeting with a total of \$49,932.53 representing 35% of this principal and interest payment. The Utility's 65% portion totaled \$92,731.82. Mike Hintz made a motion to approve check numbers 8350 through 8360 for a total of \$153,648.90. Seconded by Mark Spitz. Approved.

Bruce Neerhof was out of town so President Schneider shared the notes he had left for the meeting's report. The following list was shared:

1. All DNR permit limits were met for the Wastewater Plant.
2. Wastewater pump #2 flush valve was sent in for warranty work.
3. The influent wet-well and floats were cleaned.
4. Recirculation sand filter #1 was flushed and put to rest.
5. Dead end water mains were flushed.
6. The service gate on the fence around the sand filters was repaired.
7. Bio filters were cleaned.
8. Water meters were read. Several radio read meters were installed.

There was no correspondence.

Updates From Board Members:

This was Dennis Reinemann's last evening at the Board table. He encouraged incoming Board members to get to know Bruce Neerhof. "The value he has brought to Waldo has saved us tens of thousands of dollars. Meeting the phosphorus limits alone makes extremely valuable. Mike Kitzerow is too. He will give you a tour of the plant. Ask questions. You'll see the value he brings." Dan Schneider added that Bruce grew up in Waldo and wants to see Waldo thrive. He gives us a "hometown discount". He could get a higher wage elsewhere but is helping here by choice. John Port shared that Dennis even understated Bruce's value. If this phosphorus plan hadn't been adopted it could have cost the Village \$500,000 to make the plant compliant. Dan shared that for about \$4500.00 our plant is ready to meet the upcoming limits. Jim Piper commented that he is thankful for and amazed at the benefit Bruce has brought to our community. It was also brought up that Bruce was on top of numerous deadlines and therefore ahead of the game in meeting them. Mark Spitz commented that he brings a huge level of comfort to the Board.

Motion to adjourn: Mark Spitz. Seconded: Dennis Reinemann. Adjourned at 7:28.