

MINUTES OF THE WALDO WATER & SEWER UTILITY BOARD
DECEMBER 12, 2016

The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law immediately following the regularly scheduled Village Board meeting. President Dan Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. Present were Trustees Mark Spitz and Dennis Reinemann, reporter Rodney Schroeter from *The Review*, Bruce Neerhof, John Port, John & Karen VanEss and Michelle Brecht. Absent were Trustees Mike Hintz and Scott Wolfert.

The Minutes from November 14, 2016 were reviewed and approved after a motion by Dennis Reinemann and a second by Mark Spitz.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Michelle. Of note is that tonight the Village paid the Utility the delinquent utility bills from the 2015 tax rolls, and the annual PSC-mandated "hydrant fee". On November 17th, the 2016 delinquent utility bills were taken out of the billing software and transferred to the new tax roll. Unfortunately the amount from both years is very similar. \$14,223.17 was put on the new tax roll. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented: Dennis Reinemann Second: Mark Spitz Approved.

The vouchers were reviewed. Of note is the unusual bill for abandonment of a sewer lateral. This was from the old bank. The Utility will pay this bill and the Waldo State Bank will reimburse the Utility. Motion to approve vouchers #8309-8318 for a total of \$6784.99 was made by Dennis Reinemann and seconded by Mark Spitz. Approved.

Bruce Neerhof gave a report on Utility Operations. The new recirculating pump is in place and operating well. He had gotten information from the office to calculate what the Utility is saving on electricity costs now that the pumps are working half as often as previously set up. It represents a \$2000.00 savings from WE Energies plus saves on the wear and tear of the equipment.

At last month's meeting concern about our generator being able to keep the well pump running in, say an ice storm emergency, was expressed. As a result, Bruce had Mike Kitzerow work with the generator and see if it can perform the task. It took some time to figure it out but he feels confident that he can have it performing in an emergency. It can start the pump and Mike used it to fill the water tower. Some day the goal should be to have a better stand by generator that can service the well pump, the WFD and the Village Hall in an emergency.

Last week the WFD filled a truck in the department bay. It set the alarms off. The programming that has been worked on helped prevent the usual large overflow at the Tower. Only a couple thousand gallons overflowed this time. He worked with Specht electric to adjust the system a bit and hopefully such a truck fill won't cause even this much overflow. It is a temporary stop-gap measure, however. The new system budgeted for 2017 is being worked on. It will allow for monitoring and adjusting the water levels from the Treatment Plant. He hopes to having it in operation by spring.

There was no correspondence to share.

There were no updates from Board members.

John Port mentioned that he still thinks there is a less expensive way to stop the Water Tower overflowing problem.

Motion to adjourn: Dennis Reinemann Second: Mark Spitz Adjourned: 6:27 p.m.