

MINUTES OF THE WALDO WATER & SEWER UTILITY BOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

1. President Gary Dekker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Present at the meeting was President Dekker, Trustees Mike Hintz, and Chris Madgwick. Trustee Mark Spitz participated in the meeting via "Zoom". (Mark was able to hear & see the meeting, send messages and vote on motions.) Trustee Jerry Hammarlund was absent. Also present were Michelle Brecht and Bruce Neerhof.
3. The Minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting were briefly reviewed. Motion to approve: Chris Madgwick. Seconded: Mike Hintz. Approved.
4. Bruce Neerhof shared reports on Utility operations and lab results. Some lab results were not available for the meeting and will be emailed to the Board when they arrive. All results available were within limits. The work on winterizing the Fine Screen has proven successful recently with the frigid temperatures. The water tower mixer is keeping the water at a consistent temperature of 43 degrees. The thick snow cover is protection underground infrastructure from freezing and breaking.
5. The monthly vouchers were reviewed. Motion to approve checks #8851-#8858 for a total of \$12,712.07 was made by Mike Hintz. Seconded by Chris Madgwick. Approved. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Chris Madgwick caught a typographical error. Motion to approve the report with the inaccurate sentence deleted: Chris Madgwick. Seconded: Mike Hintz. Approved.
6. There was no correspondence.
7. Updates from the Board: Some questions regarding the 2 Depreciation Accounts (water and sewer) were discussed. A question regarding the health of the Treatment Plant filter bed was discussed, and its maintenance explained. Bruce Neerhof said the length of life is hard to predict, but that continuing in its current state it should last 30+ years. They are currently 10 years old. He also elaborated on its composition as a media of small rocks and pebbles rather than sand. This composition is more efficient than sand. The products he is using to maintain them are keeping them so clean that he hasn't had to rotate them to let them "rest". The Utility is no longer hauling regular loads of sludge to be treated as well. This is a significant cost savings.
8. There was no public to share comments.
9. Motion to adjourn: Mike Hintz. Seconded: Chris Madgwick. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.