

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting April 18, 2018

Board Members Present: Thomas Kruse, Mickey Koehler, Nancy Satterlee, Rolando Chilian, Walt Breitinger Connie Hughes, Christian Anderson

Board Members Absent: none

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, David Hollenbeck, Robert Minarich,

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger, Tom Banaszak, Mike Colomb, Joan Colomb

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm

Rolando moved to accept the minutes. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0

Tom suspended the rules and gave the floor to Prof. Jon Schoer. The first round of testing has been completed. Should be three more. His proposal for testing is to cost \$5000 and another \$500 from the Chain of Lakes Group and \$500 from the University. After discussion, Mickey moved to allocate payment at \$2500 at the start. \$1250 in middle of May and \$1250 in August. Walt seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. Both Nancy and Connie wanted reports of results before funding.

Jon promised reports soon on 1st round, May 15th for the second, end of June, end of August and mid October and no need to test every year if nothing changes.

Floor given to Mike Colomb about his rentals and delinquencies. Claims he never knew he was responsible for renter's bills. Argued about renter's being given extensions without his permission and not being shut off. This was referred to Public Liaison committee.

Next open for public hearing for base rate on sewer on 5/8" and 3/4". Our base rate of \$15.81 To the City's rate of \$26.51. Input from public – Tom Banaszak - talk to city to lower their rate. The resolution is to happen over a 3 year period.

Tom closed the public hearing. Resolution 18-02. Mickey moved to pass, Tom seconded it. Passed 7-0.

General Manager's Report

Water maps came in. Need some adjustments.

Manholes in good shape.

MS4 annual meeting May 14-15.

Ordered the saplings. Nut Package. Ready to be picked up.

Earth Day this weekend at Expo.

Hillcrest pump in the other pump is down.

Customer Appreciation Day June 9th.

Web site approval. \$3000 for PSN to hook up to Keystone. Bob M. recommends going with I-Cloud.

Tom moved that we go with I-Cloud, Connie seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Landlord James Shivley sewer only - \$737.01 He offered \$500 to settle. Rolando moved to accept. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

NISWAG in LaPorte.

Strategic Plans Items

Test bench outrageous. Bob M. will continue to look.

Walden Loop Dave's report

Manhole spraying is now #3.

Boat and trailer still looking.

Lake test – Prof. Schoer was here.

Mapping was talked about earlier.

Storm mapping – as soon as Brett gets caught up Bob M. will explain what is needed.

Hillcrest upgrade. May 5th meeting. Find out if money is available.

Hollenbeck Nature Greenway – no report yet.

LARE grants 3 grants. 3 different bidders won. Clarke for Flint spraying and AVMP, Ed

Spanopoulos for Long Spraying and Aquatic Control for Long Lake AVMP.

Tom moved we accept all 4 low bids. Seconded by Nancy. Rolando asked if we used Clarke before, Bob M. said yes. Motion carried 6-0-1. Walt abstained.

Maintenance Report

2 water samples taken and passed.

54meter change outs

20 Delinquents

Many locates due to NIPSCO underground electric.

0 Seasonals

Rolando asked me to dig out of our history files a Court Order listing our purposes.

Committee Reports

Personnel

Tom - none

Insurance Report

Rolando – nothing

Environmental Committee

Christian – notice to everybody about Environment Conference June 8th at Blue Chip.

Liaison Committee

Connie - Nothing

Strategic Planning Committee
Nancy - Nothing

Engineering Committee
Walt- nothing wishes to be moved to different committee.

Transfer of funds \$10,000 from furniture and fixture to Land acquisition to pay for taxes on Cook's property. Tom so moved. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

No accounts receivable report

Attorney's report
4.8% of property taxes are attributed to VLACD.
Dave can not be here May 5th meeting due to baby shower.
Walden Loop – plans and specs should be out next month.
Kilmer – Frazier properties Plan B. Allow properties go to tax sale. Hopefully the Commissioners will deed them to us.
Bob M. mentioned the property with the lift station on it. Dave will check into that.
The employee handbook process is ongoing. Updates are coming in.
Nothing new on Laura.

Tom brought up the storm sewer problem. Adam McAlpine is attempting to resolve a flooding issue on Fordwick. We talked with him to not reroute the extra 19 acres. The City is on notice that it needs to be evaluated by our Engineers.
Tom Banaszak commented on this.

Tom closed the meeting at 7:17 pm.