

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING September 21, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garmon,  
Nancy Satterlee, Mickey Koehler  
Christian Anderson  
Thomas Kruse, Don Kareiva

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rolando Chilian

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Ethan Lowe, Dale Brewer, Bob Minarich,  
Audience: Tom Banaszak, Susan & Tarik El-Naggar, Lady with weeds, Tim Reisinger,  
Brent Wagner.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Garmon at 5:30 pm after cupcakes.

Tom moved to approve the minutes. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried. 6-0.

Chairman Bob opened a public hearing on Budget 2017. Tom Banaszak complained of not having a copy.

Bob then closed the hearing.

Bob then opened a public hearing for the additional appropriation of \$20,000 to a maintenance emergency fund from the CCIF. Tom Banaszak asked what this was about. There was some discussion on what examples this would be used for. Pumps, volutes seal failure.

Bob then closed the comment section of the public hearing and asked for a motion to move the additional appropriation out of CCIF and into a line item for emergencies.

Mickey so moved and Christian seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Financial Committee's report.

Mickey moved to approve the claims and accept the financial statements. Seconded by Bob. Motion carried 6-0. Motion carried 6-0.

Bob's report

Backflow on Calumet blew out a hole in the lid of the of the check valve. \$600 repair.

Got a note from the engineer's that they were having a hard time getting someone from the City to sign off on the El-Naggar's extension. Finally found the right person and the permit should be going downstate in a week. Don asked about the length of time for IDEM downstate and Bob M. said about a month if there are not any problems.

Dish still good.

8" main break in Stonehenge. Found a pile of rocks bedded against D.I. main. This main is not that old and there was pitting all up and down the area we exposed for the repair. Bob claimed he did not lay that main. Bob M. stated that whomever the inspector was failed to catch this and also the main on Chimney Hill Court which had the same problem.

Bob M. mentioned the delinquent sewer only shut offs. Don will talk about that.

Ostedt lift had a seal failure and UV came out and pulled the pump for repairs.

No new homes.

Nancy brought in a bag of weeds to look at. However these were not the type of weeds that we can get funding for through LARE.

Niswag - Rich Hudson hosted the monthly meeting and had brought in a company that for a \$10 per can or two for \$15 will clean and sterilize you garbage/recycling cans. We are now in the Chicago Wilderness Group. They gather information for networking. Endangered species. So far no money involved. Nancy asked what kind of problems and it is the environmental issues.

The old office has the blacktop done. Total Development has agreed to extend the sidewalk down to Ostedt in Change Order #4 for \$1840. Bob moved to approve the sidewalk. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Change Order #5 \$9085 for paving the balance of the parking lot from in front of the new pole barn. 3" of binder and 1 1/2" of surface. Bob moved for this change order and seconded by Mickey. Motion carried 6-0. This will bring the cost up to \$285,000. Touch up work needed. Furnace in. Some painting to do. Drywall work going on.

Have not heard back from landlord on Ostedt about water damage.

Mickey and Bob M. walked through 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to look at a drainage issue. Also shot the grades and there is enough slope to put in a drain. There is enough 10" pipe to run the drain. Maybe one stick shy. Structures just under \$600 and saw cut into existing drain. Misc. items \$50 and \$500 for blacktop repair. Sand and gravel will need to be calculated. The Flamingo drain is on hold until we get a price on grading, same way with 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bob suggested this go to engineering committee.

No committees met.

Nancy brought up the self-evaluations and 5 year historical salary is available.

Maintenance report.

Brought up Ostedt and Stonehenge.

Chad Keuhl installed a small storm sewer on Sumac for the Blumenthal properties.

2 samples taken . All good.

Working on fire hydrants.

No seasonal.

38 locates. 22 delinquents

Don asked about receiving insurance money for a hydrant being hit. We filed the report with the police but no one has been charged to date with hitting it.

Matt bought in 2 quotes for tires. Brown tire \$719.28 and Levin at \$1049.70

Bob said to get the Brown tires.

Pay request #4. 69,635.40 with retainage. \$50,313.60 to be approved. Bob so moved.

Nancy seconded it. Motion carried.

Trisha left a thank you memo for allowing her to work for us. Laura will be back Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Public Liaison committee - Don. Don brought up the customer disconnect policy for delinquent sewer accounts. This should have been done in 2014. Don moved to accept the policy. Mickey seconded it. 6-0. Over \$10,000 in arrears for active customers.

Personnel Committee Nancy Satterlee

Self evaluations forms available. Will call annual meeting.

Insurance Committee Rolando.

Absent. Christian gave the report. 2.8% increase on property and liability. Workman's comp. remained the same. Larger building and additional equipment. Christian moved to accept Anton's quote of \$14,790.00. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried. 6-0.

Environmental Christian Anderson

Webinar for infiltration on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> on 2 pm.

Hope to touch base with Valpo. University about Cook's property.

Public Relations Don Kareiva

Need to look at an ordinance for costs on disconnecting sanitary sewers.

Short and long term planning Committee. Thomas Kruse

No report.

Engineering Committee Bob Garmon

No additional report.

Finance Committee Mickey

Request from Dave for a more detailed expense report.

Requested that the Engineering Committee meet concerning 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Attorney's report Ethan

Kettle Lake litigation has been dismissed with prejudice.

Flamingo Rd. County Commissioners declined to help with the grading.

Poulos is asking about an update on agreement with LAC Utilities.

No information on 600 and Calumet for annexation.

Discussion on timing with 70 East sewers.

Bob asked Tim Reisinger if the new Board room will be ready. No definitive answer.  
Bob M. will send out a notice about where.

Lady in audience asked about how lake treatment occurs. Bob M. will provide her with names of certified applicator and recommends talking to the DNR before doing any work.

Lady from Flamingo Road asked if the project is dead. Bob M. will get a cost on grading from Chad.

Tom Banaszak asked about boat landing at Flint Lake Gateway. Signage is ignored about parking. Christian mentioned that there had been many heated arguments with fishermen about lake access.

Bob adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich

General Manager

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District