

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., at the Community Building, 9282 East Park Ave, Effingham, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Rob Brown. Roll call was taken, with the following trustees present: Jim Boos, Chris Kabbes and Rob Brown.

(see attached list for others present)

Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated October 12, 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried. Jane Montello, representing Good Neighbors, stated the date for the Good Neighbors Meeting should be October 17 – correction will be made.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the treasurer's report for October 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the list of bills for October 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Auditor:

Michael Johnston, auditor, presented the audit for the fiscal year 2019-2020. He reported that the Board did a good job of investing, was pleased that there is now a budget in place for all accounts, and that the books were all in good order.

Probst v EWA Settlement/Mediation Bill:

Tony Siemer, attorney, reported on the settlement stating that a sliver of EWA property would be deeded to Probst. A mediator was involved and EWA's share of the fee is \$500.00. Mr. Brown moved to approve the fee and to pay the \$500.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Girl Scout Easement:

Mr. Siemer also presented the easement through the property that had been leased to the Girl Scouts to gain access to the deeded property owned by the Girl Scouts. EWA will not have to maintain the easement. Mr. Brown moved to approve the easement. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Girl Scout Lease Agreement/Friends of Camp Wassatoga:

Mr. Siemer has been working with the proposed lessee's attorney regarding the agreement. Due to a miss-communication with Sue Verdeyen regarding a report, Mr. Siemer could not proceed. This will be deferred until the next meeting in January or to a special meeting, if necessary.

Summit Township Agreement:

The Board is in favor of turning over the maintenance of the roads to Summit Township. Summit Township is set up to receive motor fuel taxes, which EWA is not eligible to receive. The EWA would pay to Summit Township two (2) payments of \$10,000 per year. The total payment of \$200,000.00 over ten (10) years. Approval has been deferred to make some minor changes/corrections to the agreement.

Non-Agenda:

Jane Montello wanted to know why there was nothing in the Short Term Rental Ordinance regarding the Effingham Hotel/Motel Tax. Mr. Siemer stated that since it is the law, it was not necessary to include it in the ordinance.

Don Bushue addressed the Board regarding an easement on EWA property to deeded property he owns and plans to divide. Mr. Brown asked if they would be interested in leasing the property instead.

Mr. Brown reported that the City of Effingham used 33,000,000 gallons of water in the month of October.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Siemer mentioned that Joe Emmerich had been in contact with him regarding the legal description on the property that he will be leasing.

Superintendent's Report:

Mike Dirks stated that the water was 13" below normal pool level and that he processed six (6) building permits in October. Mr. Brown asked him to check the status of the dam with the water level low.

Office Manager's Report:

Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed eight (8) lease transfers in October.

Committees:

Mr. Ryan gave an update on Phase 1, stating that money from the State should be forthcoming. He is projecting construction to start in spring with grand opening on Memorial Day.

Jane Montello, on behalf of Good Neighbors, reported that they have the highest number of members (238), even with the COVID-19 issue. There will be one more newsletter this year. The first newsletter next year will be in April and it will go to all Lake Sara residences, not just the members.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6:27 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary