

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, October 12, 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. Kabbes moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated September 14, 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting dated September 29, 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

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

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

Tax Levy Ordinance:

Mr. Brown presented the Tax Levy Ordinance No. 206. Mr. Boos moved to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Short-term Rentals Ordinance Changes:

The Board reviewed the changes suggested at the last meeting of the ordinance and application for short term rentals. After discussion, Mr. Boos moved to approve the Ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Approval of Farnsworth Pearson Park Phase 1 Services Contract:

Mr. Ryan, parks & recreation committee, presented an update on the project, stating that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources has signed the contract. Mr. Ryan presented the contract with Farnsworth Group for approval. Mr. Brown moved to approve the contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Non-Agenda:

Mr. Brown stated that Friends of Wassatoga have their paperwork completed and Mr. Siemer is working on completing the documentation for the Lease with them for the Girl Scout Property.

In conjunction with that, Mr. Siemer informed the Board that the Girl Scouts are requesting an easement over the property to get to their deeded property.

Erich Kollinger addressed the Board regarding driveways and parking lots to and by boat docks.

Mr. Brown reported that the City of Effingham used almost 63,000,000 gallons of water in the month of September.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Siemer updated the Board regarding litigation, again reiterating that a person cannot adverse possess government property.

Superintendent's Report:

Mike Dirks stated that he processed four (4) building permits in September and the water was 17" below normal pool level.

Office Manager's Report:

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

Committees:

Mr. Ryan responded to a request regarding rip rap/seawall from last meeting informing the Board that G & H Marine is familiar with our lake.

Jeff Niebrugge, fishing committee, reported that nothing is going on and we will not be collecting Christmas trees this winter.

Audra Schultz, boating committee, had nothing to report.

Jane Montello, on behalf of Good Neighbors, reported that there will be a meeting on October 3 at Country Haven. She also presented Tracy Burton with a gift in appreciation of all she has done for Good Neighbors. Ms. Burton has moved from the area and has decided not to hold an office with the Good Neighbors.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6:19 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary