

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., at the Effingham Public Library, 200 N. Third St., 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. Boos moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for October 9, 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Kabbes moved to approve the special meeting minutes for October 10, 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the list of bills for October 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance for FY 2023-2024. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Truck bids to replace Superintendent Truck:

Mr. Dirks reported that he had two quotes:

One for a Ford for \$50,690 with a possible trade-in value of 4,000 or 5,000

One for a GMC for \$52,720 with a possible trade-in value of \$3,000

There was discussion as to which vehicle would be traded-in.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the Ford quote. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Noah Brandenburger – Lakeside Marina:

Mr. Brandenburger was not present at the meeting.

Robert Huey Jr. – Lots 3 & 4 Pearson & Castello:

Mr. Mike Dirks addressed the Board regarding the Huey's wanting to combine lots 3 & 4 into one lot. The annual lease rent will include both lots. Mr. Brown moved to approve the change so they can proceed with the re-plat. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Doug Kabbes – Setbacks and Vacate Road:

Dr. Doug Kabbes addressed the board regarding vacating the road at his properties. He also addressed the board regarding setbacks. Dredging has been done and has changed the setbacks. The board will set a special meeting to look at the properties before making a decision.

Lot for Sale – Lot 15 Gypsy Cove:

No bids were received.

Court Six - Winterrowd:

Mr. Mike Dirks updated the Board regarding the progress of the work on the house. Three sides of the house are completed with the other side being approximately 95% complete. Mr. Tony Siemer informed the board that the court date is November 21. He will continue for another thirty (30) days.

Wabash Fiber Optic:

Wabash Fiber is interested in having an agreement. Mr. Siemer will prepare an agreement for review.

Auditor Letter:

Mr. Kabbes reported that we will be using the same firm as last time. He reached out to a local firm for a quote and it was considerably more than the estimated quote from our current auditor.

Randy Thoele – Replat of Lot 10 Kessler Oaks:

Mr. Randy Thoele addressed the board regarding his property. Apparently, his boat house is on the neighbors' property. To correct the problem, the neighbors have agreed to sell part of their property to him. One of the properties is owned by EWA and Mr. Thoele would like to purchase 2890 square feet of the property to straighten up the lot lines. This part of the property has a ravine and is non-buildable. Mr. Brown moved to accept the proposal. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Tom Ryan – Lake Sara Beach Project – final spending & funding:

Mr. Christo Schultz addressed the board regarding the \$800,000 budget. The state final payment of \$200,000 should be coming soon. There will be a short fall for the next two or three months of \$32,000 which they are asking EWA to cover in lieu of using the line of credit. Mr. Brown moved to approve advancing the funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Non-Agenda:

Mr. Don Borries asked Mr. Dirks about the leaf collection. They started today and it is going fine. They usually go in a counterclockwise direction but are doing something different this year. He will post the information on the website as they proceed.

The City of Effingham used almost 44 million gallons of water in October 2023.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Tony Siemer had nothing more to report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Mike Dirks reported that he processed one (1) building permit and the water was 23" below normal pool.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed three (3) lease transfers in October.

Parks and Rec Committee:

Mr. Christo Schultz reported that they have \$45,000 more in pledges and that Mr. Tom Ryan is recovering well after his surgery.

Boating Committee:

Mr. Brad Hastings handed out a paper with reminders and recommendations for boat operators. He also discussed use of docking lights, which should only be used while docking, and additional lighted buoys. He suggested highlighting some of the rules and regulations on the map included with the boat licenses. Mr. Brown suggested including a postcard with the annual lease rent billing.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Mr. Doug Thies reported that they ended the year with 260 family memberships, the contributions have been good, and the final newsletter of the year will be going out this week. The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 1 at the Community Building.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6:20 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary