

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., at The Effingham Public Library, 200 N. Third Street, Effingham, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown. Roll call was taken, with the following trustees present: Rob Brown, Chris Kabbes and Jim Boos.

(see attached list for others present)

Mr. Boos moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated 11/11/19. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

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

Mr. Brown moved to approve the list of bills for November and December 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the audit for FY 2018-2019 conducted by Michael Johnston. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Ordinance 203 - Aircraft:

Mr. Boos proposed an ordinance prohibiting aircraft within 500 feet over EWA property. Mr. Boos moved to approve the ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Short Term Rental Properties:

This will be the last night for open discussion before the Trustees decide how to address the situation. Several attendees addressed the Board regarding their views of short term rentals.

Mr. Brown reiterated that the Effingham Water Authority is not in the business of rental regulations.

Joe Emmerich - Sale/Lease of Property:

Joe and Pat Emmerich approached the Board regarding property owned by EWA that adjoins their property. They are interested in purchasing the property. The Trustees will look at the property before a decision is made.

Don Borries - Road Signs:

Don Borries addressed the Board regarding three (3) issues. He would like to see "deer crossing" signs on Park Road. He also suggested a "flashing speed sign" due to drivers speeding excessively on Park Road. Mr. Borries also asked for permission to put up a "free library" by the dam or pavilion. This would

be a good project for Boy Scouts and the Legion would be interested in supporting it. The Board asked Mr. Dirks to order some deer crossing signs and to get quotes and information on the flashing signs. The Trustees were in favor of the free library.

Non-Agenda:

None

Mr. Brown reported that the City of Effingham used 40,000,000 gallons of water in the month of November and 29,000,000 in December.

Jane Montello, on behalf of Good Neighbors, introduced Doug Thies as new Treasurer and recognized Janet Kennedy for her years as Treasurer. Mr. Thies addressed the Board regarding projects they had donated to: Lights on buoys, LED lighting in the Community Building, and (4) defibrillators to be located at each of the Marinas and Community Building and Pearson Building. The Good Neighbors also donated \$9000 to the Fireworks Committee. The Good Neighbors currently have 224 members.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Siemer had nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mike Dirks stated that he processed one (1) permit and the water was 4" above normal pool level.

Office Manager's Report:

Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed six (6) lease transfers in November and six (6) lease transfers in December. Completed totaling boat licenses for the year, issued commission checks and transferred \$17,880 to Parks & Rec fund.

Committees:

Mr. Niebrugge, Fishing Committee, reported that they would be planting Christmas trees.

Mr. Hastings, Boating Committee, reported that they had submitted guidelines for Boating and would like to include an insert in the boat licenses for 2021.

Mr. Ryan, Parks and Recreation Committee, gave a slide show on Phase 1 which includes disc golf, ADA fishing dock, chess court, ADA access from parking to water, and 3 playgrounds. They have received proposals from playground equipment companies and are in the process of narrowing down and finalizing details. They will be meeting the last week of January/first week of February which will include open discussion.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 7:27 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary