

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
January 12, 2022 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Peter Newman, Dann Lavoie, and Peter Savlen, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on December 8, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Administrator's Report

Ray reported on the issue of discolored water recently. He said that this problem was most likely caused by the surging air action then being employed to clean on Well #1 that forced material into Well #2. Ray said tests of the water during that episode showed no decline in water quality. The problem has since cleared itself up.

Ray reviewed the end of year financial report for 2021. Total expenditures were \$473,780 and total revenues were \$469,063. Uncollected rents are one reason for the shortfall between revenues and expenditures.

Ray reported that a contract has been received from Horizon Engineers for the Rapid Infiltration Basin Project, designed to provide for disposal of treated effluent from the plant to ponds on the parcel of land across the Warner River. The approach has been approved by DES. The contract is for an amount not to exceed \$174,575, which is 10 percent of the estimated total, including treatment plant upgrades.

In terms of the 2022 budget, Ray said that the District's ability to spend, currently at \$1,000,000 must be raised to \$1,876,000 to reflect the possible increased total project costs. The Commissioners voted to sign the contract with Horizon.

2022 Budget

The Commissioners discussed the proposed budget for the coming year. Ray advised that they should consider some combination of raising the water and sewer rates, availability charge, and/or precinct tax to compensate for the increases in cost of maintaining and operating the water and sewer systems.

He will work on the amount of additional revenue needed and a recommended distribution of fees/tax, and report at the next meeting.

The Commissioners voted to approve a tentative 2022 operating budget in the amount of \$2,367,545. The Commissioners discussed the McDonalds pump station surcharge fee and agreed that funds received should be kept in a separate account from which all related expenses are paid. Ray will take care of this.

Ray said the Budget Committee will hear the District's budget on January 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

The next regular meeting will be January 26, 2022.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.