

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Plainview Water District was held in the District office on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Present: Marc B. Laykind, Chairman
Andrew N. Bader, Treasurer
Amanda R. Field, Secretary
Stephen Moriarty, Superintendent
Dina M Scott, Business Manager
James Neri, Engineer
Greg Gordon, Zimmerman/Edelson

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Commissioner Laykind opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence was reviewed in the Board update.

The Board approved and signed payroll checks.

GREG GORDON'S REPORT – PUBLIC INFORMATION FIRM:

Greg Gordon presented the customer feedback letter and pinhole pilot program press release for the Board's review. E-mail address info@plainviewwater.org was added to each document. The time frame for which these documents will be released was discussed.

Greg Gordon presented a letter of encouragement to be addressed to community leaders regarding the District's WIIA grant application for the Board's review. The Board approved the verbiage contained in the letter and discussed the appropriate parties to whom the letter should be addressed. Commissioner Laykind suggested the Board follow up the letter with a phone call to its recipients. Said letter was approved for mailing.

Greg Gordon provided an update on the projected timeline of various sources of public information outreach to the local community. Commissioner Laykind requested a press release be prepared for hurricane awareness to be inserted in the next edition of the Plainview Herald. Greg Gordon agreed to prepare the press release and submit to the Board for review. Greg Gordon reported a draft of the press release regarding backflow will appear in this week's edition of the Plainview Herald.

JAMES NERI'S REPORT – ENGINEER:

Engineer Neri reported that the transmission main for the Country Pointe Interior Water Main Project Phase I is complete and the water main is now able to go online. Engineer Neri informed the Board that he is compiling the cost summary accounting associated with the transmission main and will provide in the near future. Commissioner Laykind stated it should be noted for public record that while this is a contract with the

District, all monies are being paid by Beechwood Homes and are not an expenditure of the District and are not being financed with taxpayers dollars.

Engineer Neri provided the Board with a Project Status List which contains the status of all authorized projects to date and indicates a change in status of any ongoing projects.

Engineer Neri reported that on September 1, 2017 a total of five (5) bids were received for the Installation of Water Mains and Appurtenances for the Country Pointe at Plainview Project Phase I. Engineer Neri reported that the lowest bid was submitted by Adjo Contracting Corp. with a total bid amount of \$835,414.89. Engineer Neri reported that he investigated the qualifications of the lowest bidder and found them to be a qualified and responsible contractor as Adjo Contracting Corp. has successfully completed similar projects across Long Island. Engineer Neri recommended the contract be awarded to Adjo Contracting Corp. for the total bid amount of \$835,414.89. Engineer Neri reported that the developer's total cost for this phase of the project, based on the total bid amount, and non-construction costs, will be \$1,270,500.00. For the current phase of construction, the developer has previously deposited in escrow a total of \$91,500.00 with the Plainview Water District. Therefore, Engineer Neri recommends the developer should deposit a certified check in the amount of \$1,179,000.00 for the remainder of the project costs for the current phase of construction. Engineer Neri recommended that the developer should contact District counsel with any questions regarding the deposit of funds and other District requirements. Engineer Neri requested that upon confirmation that the developer has deposited all monies due, and satisfied any additional requirements, that he be granted authorization to notify Adjo Contracting Corp. to obtain the necessary performance bond and insurances, and to contact District counsel to arrange for contract signing. The Board stated that prior to granting authorization, they would like to first consult with District counsel. Commissioner Laykind stated it should be noted for public record that while this is a contract with the District, all monies are being paid by Beechwood Homes and are not an expenditure of the District and are not being financed with taxpayers dollars.

STEPHEN MORIARTY'S REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT:

Supt. Moriarty provided the Board with an update on the pinhole program. Supt. Moriarty has been in contact with Professor Marc Edwards and Jeff Parks and provided the Board with the draft report of the Pinhole Evaluation from Virginia Polytechnic. Supt. Moriarty is in the process of coordinating a conference call with Professor Edwards, himself, James Neri, Engineer and the Board to discuss the draft report.

Supt. Moriarty presented the Board with the 2018 Budget in the prescribed Town of Oyster Bay format in anticipation of the budget hearing scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2017.

Supt. Moriarty reported that the September Notice of Board Meeting dates was posted at the District's office, Plainview Public Library and on the District's website.

Supt. Moriarty presented the Board with an updated proposal from Progressive Marketing Group Inc. for their review. The Board agreed to review and consider.

Supt. Moriarty presented the Board with a report of year to date budget to actual expenditures for their review.

DINA M SCOTT'S REPORT – BUSINESS MANAGER:

Vendor check nos. 44933 through 44940 dated August 29, 2017 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Board.

Ms. Scott requested Board approval and authorization to transfer funds to cover the following dental claim costs:

- Dental claim dated August 29, 2017

Motion made by Commissioner Laykind, seconded by Commissioner Bader, the below stated resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the dental claims dated August 29, 2017 and the Board authorized funds be transferred into the District's dental benefit account.

Ms. Scott reported that minutes of prior meetings are available for the Board's review and approval.

Ms. Scott reported that Janine Tortoriello requested that in accordance with District Policy No. 4.9 Annual Leave and Policy No. 4.15 Sick Leave, the Board approve payment for unused annual and sick leave upon her retirement. Ms. Scott informed the Board via memo, the internal audit procedures performed to verify the accuracy of Ms. Tortoriello's unused annual and sick time. After discussion, the Board approved payment for Janine Tortoriello's unused annual and sick leave as of her retirement date August 30, 2017.

Ms. Scott provided the Board with the revised tax roll noting payments in the amount of \$35,383.43 have been received since the original roll was printed on August 17, 2017. Ms. Scott reported that the final tax roll is due and will be submitted to the Town of Oyster Bay on September 15, 2017. Ms. Scott stated for clarification that the tax roll consists of a listing of customer accounts as of June 30, 2017 whose unpaid balance will be placed on tax lien with the Town of Oyster Bay and Nassau County Department of Assessment.

Commissioner Field requested that Ms. Scott register the District for the Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival dated October 1, 2017.

Ms. Scott reported that with receipt of the 2nd half tax payment, the operating account does not earn interest and therefore the Business Manager requested Board

approval to transfer \$800,000.00 into the District's undesignated/unappropriated interest bearing account.

Motion made by Commissioner Laykind, seconded by Commissioner Bader, the below stated resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves transferring \$800,000.00 from the operating account into the District's undesignated/unappropriated interest bearing account.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Melissa Blezow-Yulet of 114 Morton Blvd. informed the Board that since her last reports of being plagued with pinhole leaks she has previously reported and continues to report that she has not had any new leaks. She informed the Board that she has replaced approximately 40% of the pipes in her home and reiterated that no new leaks have occurred in either the new or old piping as she continues to monitor closely. Ms. Blezow-Yulet informed the Board that she is very happy with a lot of the changes the District has recently made based on what she had read as well as through updates from conversations with Commissioner Field. Ms. Blezow-Yulet stated that she is glad to see that the Commissioners are working together to attempt to correct the pinhole issue. Ms. Blezow-Yulet reported that she continues to receive e-mails from Plainview Water District residents regarding both new and recurring pinhole leaks. Ms. Blezow-Yulet expressed concerns of the residents she spoke with as she claimed they are unaware of all of the positive changes the District has brought about. Ms. Blezow-Yulet reported that she has received e-mails from residents who expressed accusations that she is a spy for the Water District. Commissioner Laykind informed Ms. Blezow-Yulet that he would be happy to clarify to any resident that such accusations are in fact false.

Ms. Blezow-Yulet questioned what the Board is doing to inform the residents of what measures are being taken for action on the pinhole leaks and to improve transparency. Commissioner Laykind informed Ms. Blezow-Yulet the District has engaged the services of a public information firm to assist in the efforts to improve communication and transparency. Commissioner Laykind acknowledged that the District previously focused their efforts tirelessly and solely on working towards identifying the source of the problem regarding pinhole leaks and as a result unintentionally neglected to inform the residents of their ongoing efforts. Commissioner Laykind informed Ms. Blezow-Yulet that the District's release of its most recent newsletter provided a detailed update as to the current status of the investigation of pinhole leaks in an effort to inform the residents that District is doing everything possible to identify the source(s) of the pinhole problem. Ms. Blezow-Yulet inquired about other districts using their data on pinhole leaks. Commissioner Laykind expressed that the District is unable to utilize the resources of its neighboring districts in an effort to obtain data and research related to the pinhole investigation due to the fact that other districts have not put forth efforts in obtaining any such information/research. Commissioner Laykind reassured Ms. Blezow-Yulet that the District continues its pinhole investigation efforts and will continue to make increasing efforts to improve communication and keep its residents more informed.

Commissioner Field informed Ms. Blezow-Yulet that the District is currently working on several different platforms to improve transparency with District residents.

Engineer Neri inquired of Ms. Blezow-Yulet if based on her previous reports if the transformer in her home was replaced and the several occurrences of faulty electrical grounds were inspected. Ms. Blezow-Yulet reported that PSEG did conduct an inspection of the grounds, replaced a transformer and that faulty grounds were identified. Commissioner Laykind suggested the District re-inspect Ms. Blezow-Yulet's home. Supt. Moriarty informed Ms. Blezow-Yulet that several attempts were made to contact her to re-inspect. Ms. Blezow-Yulet provided the District with an alternate means of contact in order to schedule the reinspection. Commissioner Laykind reported that the District has identified a pattern of pinhole occurrences pertaining to faulty electrical transformers and grounds and pinhole leaks and her home appears to fit this pattern.

Kevin Langberg of 66 Northern Parkway introduced himself and in an effort to maintain transparency and disclosed his previous status of Commissioner of the Plainview Water District for nine (9) years. Mr. Langberg reminded the Board of the previous pinhole leak in his basement and expressed that he is hopeful and confident that the District is working on the ongoing problem in an effort to obtain a conclusion. Mr. Langberg requested that the Board summarize what steps have been taken thus far to obtain a resolution to what are the contributing factors to the pinhole problem. Commissioner Laykind reminded Mr. Langberg that when he was an acting Commissioner, pinholes were an anomaly and there were only 15 complaints on record prior to the recent occurrences in the Fall of 2016. Commissioner Laykind informed Mr. Langberg that the first step that was taken upon identification of the problem was an immediate data gathering effort and a gps plot of all of the homes within the District that reported pinhole leaks. Unfortunately no significant trends were identified. One theory previously suggested was that the low alkalinity may contribute to copper pitting. Commissioner Laykind reminded Mr. Langberg that as he is aware as a former Commissioner, there are no standards required by the Dept. of Health regarding alkalinity levels. Commissioner Laykind disclosed that upon testing, it was identified that the District's alkalinity levels were low. Significantly lower than a number of neighboring Districts. Engineer Neri reminded Mr. Langberg that the District historically focused its efforts on collecting raw well data in an effort to focus on the water coming in, alkalinity is in fact a function of treated water. Engineer Neri stated that throughout the District's history, including Mr. Langberg's tenure, the data points pertaining to alkalinity Island-wide are only required to be tested in the distribution system on an annual basis. Engineer Neri reported that based on analysis, the District has seen a decrease in trend of alkalinity as a by product of the air strippers that were put in place under Mr. Langberg's tenure with the District. Engineer Neri reported that air strippers finished product contains lower alkalinity levels. Mr. Langberg responded that the District was treating for MTBE contaminates at that time. Supt. Moriarty stated that no pinholes are evident at any of the production plants all of which contain vast amounts of copper pipe and that over 80% of pinhole cases are on the hot water pipes. Supt. Moriarty asked Mr. Langberg if his pinhole leaks were on the hot water pipes, Mr. Langberg acknowledged pinholes sourced from hot water pipes right near the boiler in his home. Commissioner Laykind informed Mr. Langberg that after obtaining the required approvals from the Dept. of Health, the

District has and is continuing to take steps towards raising the alkalinity in all of its plants District-wide. Commissioner Laykind advised that the District took these steps towards raising alkalinity on its own and then subsequently with the recommendation of Professor Marc Edwards. Commissioner Laykind informed that while the raising of the alkalinity is not going to shut off leaks due to prior deterioration and erosion of pipes, the District is of the belief that it is going to curtail if not eliminate leaks in the future. The raising of the alkalinity is one significant and major steps the District has taken in its ongoing efforts to address the problem of pinholes. Commissioner Laykind advised that the District is approximately half way through the efforts of raising alkalinity District-wide. Other plants require further approval and contractual obligations which are still in process. Commissioner Laykind informed Mr. Langberg that the District has engaged the services of Professor Marc Edwards to assist with these efforts. The District has provided Mr. Edwards with various water samples and pipe samples and has conducted additional tests per his request. Commissioner Laykind ensured Mr. Langberg that the District has provided its full cooperation with Mr. Edwards and has complied with all of his requests for data and samples. Commissioner Laykind informed Mr. Langberg that at this time there is no answer and regrettably a definitive conclusion may not be attainable. Commissioner Laykind expressed that he is hopeful there will be recommendations and a plan of action going forward and that the District is exhausting all of its potential resources and it's unfortunate that there is a lack of scientific knowledge in this area as a whole. Mr. Langberg responded by stating its clear the District has been diligent in its efforts to address the situation on every level and is doing what is in the best interest of its residents. Commissioner Laykind requested Mr. Langberg leave his contact information and encouraged he grant the District the ability to inspect his home for any stray electrical current or obvious electrical issues that could have potentially attributed to the issue of pinholes. Mr. Langberg inquired as to if the District has had any discussions with PSEG on this issue. Commissioner Laykind stated that PSEG was contacted in the past but the District is not able to contact PSEG on behalf of our customers and therefore we encourage the residents to contact them for further investigation of any electrical issues. The District as a courtesy is conducting inspections to measure stray electrical current at the water pipe. Engineer Neri stated that PSEG issued a press release at some point stating they were not liable if holes on water pipes were coming from the inside of the pipe.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

The following board meetings were scheduled for September 2017:

- Tuesday, September 5th at 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, September 12th at 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, September 19th at 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, September 26nd at 5:30 pm

At 7:10 pm a motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

At 7:25 pm Executive Session ended and the Board returned to Regular Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with a call to the Chair at 7:30 pm.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF NASSAU) ss.:
PLAINVIEW WATER DISTRICT)

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of the Plainview Water District, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York, do hereby certify that the above-mentioned and contained is a true copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Commissioners held in the District office on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the Plainview Water District on this 24th day of April, 2018.



MARC B. LAYKIND, CHAIRMAN



ANDREW N. BADER, TREASURER



AMANDA R. FIELD, SECRETARY