

**CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Thursday June 25, 2020 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Commissioners present: Steve Bamsey, Michael Digregorio, Tom Buco

Others present: Amy Snow- Municipal Bookkeeper, Chief Solomon, via Zoom Superintendent Anderson

Public: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS

Superintendent Anderson present a request for a water abatement from Carol Shikles. She had a tenant that allowed a large leak to continue for some time then her house burned down. Commissioner Bamsey pointed out that the district does not abate water; it cost the district money to deliver that water. It was agreed that the district does not abate water. Amy stated that the district would work with her on a payment plan. Discussion ensued regarding other properties that had large water leaks that we did not abate for the water. It was stated that she could also investigate if her insurance company would pay for the excess water use. Consensus was that the Board is sympathetic, but the abatement request is denied.

Superintendent Anderson stated that he has been keeping close tabs on the wells and the levels are staying consistent but if we see a sudden change in the levels, that is when we would put in restrictions. He does a drawdown twice a month. Chief Solomon added that in 2016 both Conway and North Conway choose not to put restrictions in place because all the wells were producing, and we had no problems. 2016 was a very dry year with many private wells drying up.

Commissioner Digregorio asked if we are checking with the farmers in the field behind the ranger station to see if they are using chemicals that may harm our water source. Mr. Anderson stated he checked with them this spring, they are not using any chemicals that are not approved by the EPA and DES, they also have monitoring wells around the site, they pretty much just use Lyme. Mr. Anderson will see if he can get the test results. Commissioner Bamsey added that there are actually two groups farming there, and Mr. Anderson should check with Albany Town Hall about test results. Commissioner Buco wanted to ensure they are not within 400 feet of our wells. Mr. Anderson will check Google Maps, but he was fairly sure they are not, we own 14 acres. Commissioner Digregorio wants to make sure we get the test results to ensure our water is safe. No one knows when those wells were put in. Mr. Anderson was tasked with finding out who is farming there and getting the test results. Commissioner Bamsey believed that they are organic farmers, but we still have to do our due diligence.

BOOKKEEPER'S BUSINESS

Amy presented the board with the MS 535 for signatures, it was prepared by the auditor, it tells the DRA our end of year Fund Balance. She stated that \$60,000 of Fund Balance was budgeted for use in 2019 but only \$40,000 was used. She had put at the commissioners' seats a copy of the Commissioners' budget and letter to the Selectmen. The budget has money to spend on flagpole holders. There is \$10,000 in the Legal/Professional that (hopefully) will not be spent, and we have ten flags. Commissioner Digregorio stated the holders are about \$11.00 each plus shipping. The Selectmen have to approve it. Commissioner Digregorio researched the minutes and found the 2013 minutes where Amy had asked the Town to allow her to put up flags. The minutes stated

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that only municipalities could ask permission of the electric company, but the Selectmen are not meeting again until after July 4th. Commissioner Digregorio is asking the phone company for permission to put the flags on the phone company's poles (they own the poles). He is licensed to work on the poles but believes we should still ask the Selectmen. Commissioner Buco was concerned about the liability, this will put the liability on the district. **Commissioner Digregorio made a motion to send a letter to the Selectman requesting permission to install flags on the Main St. utility poles; motion was seconded by Commissioner Buco.** Commissioner Buco questioned if this means the liability falls on the town. **Motion passed 3-0-0.** Mr. Buco questioned the liability again. Commissioner Bamsey replied that we always have liability, we just have to be smart about how we do it.

Amy neglected to inform Commissioners Buco and Digregorio that the job offer for Superintendent was declined, this will be discussed in non-public.

FIRE CHIEF'S BUSINESS

The Fire Chief state that business is picking up and they are quite busy now. They did one COVID call last week and one this week. The Governor is opening up campgrounds and lodging. He stated that the bid is posted for three days and the trailer is parked at the Admin. Building.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Commissioner Bamsey made a motion to ratify A & B; motion was seconded by Commissioner Digregorio.

Amy stated that B. has 2 manifests, but they are the same date. Commissioner Buco questioned who EMSAR is, the chief responded that they are the stretcher company that supplies the batteries, Commissioner Buco pointed out that the invoice is for \$1,200.00. Commissioner Buco also pointed out John Powers Paramedic test reimbursement. He asked how many we have, and the chief told him it will be six once John is certified. He went on to mention what a good job the crew did with a heart attack victim the other day.

Commissioner Buco added the HealthTrust invoice: Water is \$4,000, sewer is 4,000, emergency services is \$12,000 and the withholding is \$5,000.

Motion passed 3-0-0.

- a. Ratify Payroll Manifest and sign checks for week ending 6/21/2020
- b. Ratify A/P Manifest dated 6/24/2020 and sign checks dated 6/26/2020

Commissioner Bamsey made a motion to approve and sign the Supervisors' timesheets for the week ending 6/21/2020, motion seconded by Mr. Buco; Commission Bamsey clarified that the First Responder's Stipend runs through the end of June, he thought he heard it was being extended but the chief had not heard such. **Motion passed 3-0-0.**

Commissioner Bamsey made the motion to approve the meeting minutes dated 6/18/2020; motion seconded by Commissioner Buco; Motion passed 3-0-0

Commissioner Buco made a motion to enter into nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II(c); motion seconded by Commissioner Digregorio. Role Call vote: Commissioner Buco – yes, Commissioner Digregorio – yes, Commissioner Bamsey – yes. Commissioners entered nonpublic session at 5:40 p.m.

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The public portion of the meeting resumed at 6:27 p.m.

The next commissioner's meeting will be on July 2, 2020

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned without objection at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Snow, Municipal Bookkeeper