

CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Thursday, April 14, 2022, 5:00 P.M.
Admin. Building

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

Commissioners present: Steve Bamsey, Mike Digregorio and Tom Buco

Staff present: Amy Snow - Municipal Bookkeeper, Chief Solomon, and Superintendent Vallieres joined a few minutes late.

Member of the public: Tom Eastman, Matt Toning via phone, and Nick Lachance from Aquarion Water.

The meeting started with a phone call to Mr. Matt Toning. Mr. Toning stated that he and his brother have recently purchased the Church property at 121 Main Street.

Their current plan is to make the property a two-family dwelling and will likely need four parking spaces. Mr. Bamsey brought up that the parking lot and the east side driveway are owned by the district. Mr. Digregorio explained the parking lot rules, Mr. Toning agreed and stated that the regulations had been explained quite well and are understood by all. Mr. Toning asked if it was ok to use the parking lot during the day for construction vehicles. The commissioners have no issue with that.

Next Mr. Lachance explained that he had seen on our website that we were having an informational meeting regarding dissolving the district and that prompted him to reach out to us and introduce us to Aquarion Water. Aquarion is based out of Connecticut and quotes themselves to be the largest investor-owned water utility in New England. Discussion ensued regarding the privatization of the water, sewer departments, restructuring, the district staffing, and the Fire department.

Mr. Eastman spoke up that he was there to listen in on what Mr. Lachance had to say and to gather more information regarding the district dissolution as much has not yet been made clear. Mr. Bamsey explained that the dissolution has not been made clear as the issue is still being discussed. This upcoming meeting is to share with the voters the information that they currently have, to answer what questions they can and gather the questions from the public that they need to obtain the answers to. Mr. Bamsey explained that there are a couple of main reasons that the district initially went to the town of Conway to investigate the possibility of the town taking over the Fire Department. First, is that there are five separate fire departments in this community, all spending money, all having the same issues with volunteers and staffing. Two, that the fire, rescue, and ambulance costs keep escalating. The selectmen then asked about dissolving the whole district. Discussion ensued.

FIRECHIEF'S BUSINESS

The Chief asked if Mr. Bamsey would be available to sit in on interviews on Monday. Mr. Bamsey confirmed that he would.

SUPERINTEDENT'S BUSINESS

Bruno began with they have been working on Wilder Street, Farrington Ave, and Chase Ave all week.

Bruno had to table an abatement request for Towle Road Trailer Park. They are waiting on further documentation of the leak.

Nothing further on the gazebo.

Bruno then stated that he sees a plan for a roadway from the Fire Station parking to the Park parking lot. He will stake the roadway and wait on approval. Discussion ensued.

BOOKKEEPERS BUSINESS

Amy started with a request to Mr. Bamsey for the questionnaire she needs for the audit.

She then stated that she has received an email from Mark Dindorf. The Upper Saco Valley Land Trust had initially requested the use of the Park July 8th through 10th for their Open House, they would like to extend the request from the 7th to the 11th of July. **Mr. Bamsey made the motion to approve the amendment as presented. Seconded by Mr. Digregorio. Motion passed 3-0-0.**

Amy presented letters to be sent to our debtors and requested that they be signed by one of the commissioners.

Amy then presented an abatement request on water in the amount of \$3,152.17 and on sewer \$7,372.83 resulting from a billing error for 73 East Side Road. This has been corrected. **Mr. Bamsey made the motion to approve the combined abatement in the amount of \$10,525.00 for 73 East Side Road. Seconded by Mr. Digregorio. Motion passed 3-0-0.**

Amy reiterated that many people have shown interested in the upcoming informational meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Mr. Bamsey made a motion to ratify a., and b. Seconded by Mr. Buco.

- a. Ratify Payroll Manifest and sign checks for week ending 4/10/2022
- b. Ratify A/P Manifest dated 4/13/22 and sign checks dated 4/15/2022

Discussion: EJ Prescott \$6184.00 - Water pipe and parts for Wilder, Chase & Farrington. Firematic \$2,690.00 – a single set of turnout gear.

Hastings Law \$157.50 - to look at the IMA regarding transferability
Minuteman Press \$456.58 – Invoice mailing
RWN \$738.75 – Landscaping 1 of 8
Motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Bamsey made a motion to approve the chief's timesheet for week ending 4/10/2022, seconded by Mr. Digregorio. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Bamsey made a motion to approve the minutes for week 3/31/2022, seconded by Mr. Digregorio. Motion passed 2-0-1.

Meeting minutes for 4/14/2022 were tabled due to email issues.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. at the Fire Station meeting Room.

The Informational Meeting regarding dissolving the district will take place on April 21, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. in the Fire Station meeting room.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Chisholm, Office Assistant