

VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE
WATER AND LIGHT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2022
Wednesday

5:30PM
MW&L Office

PRESENT:

Trustees: Tom Snipp, Bob Heanue and Brad Limoge (via Zoom)

Staff: Penny Jones, Kevin Newton, Pete Crowley

Absent: Carl Fortune, Todd Deuso

Public: None

1) CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

Trustee Snipp called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2) CONSIDER AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

None.

3) APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2022:

On a **motion** by Trustee Heanue and seconded by Trustee Limoge, the board approved (3-0) the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 2, 2022.

4) APPROVE CHECK REGISTERS 1/28, 2/4 & 2/11:

On a **motion** by Trustee Heanue and seconded by Trustee Limoge, the board approved (3-0) check registers 1/28, 2/4 & 2/11.

5) APPROVE VILLAGE MEETING DATE CHANGE:

On a **motion** by Trustee Heanue and seconded by Trustee Limoge, the board approved (3-0) to change the date of the Annual Village Meeting to Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

6) OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Management Update. Kevin provided the most up-to-date drawings of the sewer line from Copley Terrace across the country club to Maple Street. Still no determination as to who owns this undersized line. A pump station going out to Washington Highway would be much cheaper than increasing the size of the existing line. Trustee Snipp verified that we have the hydraulic sewer capacity for all the current development but if a developer is not willing to build sewer infrastructure (lines/pump stations) to the Village's specification, the Village will not take ownership of it. And if it fails, it is the owner's responsibility to repair. We do have the hydraulic capacity at the WWTF however our pumping stations are undersized and/or old. The one on Bridge Street was due to be replaced last fall, however the contractor fell behind, so it was pushed off to early 2022.

Pete reported that a couple of arrestors on the 34.5 kV transmission system at Substation #3 were recently replaced due to a failure. These arrestors were on the old part of the sub that was not rebuilt and the new part has not been energized yet. We are hoping to energize the new transformer next week. Copley is not concerned with interruptions to their surgery schedule so we can re-energize the sub at any time and transfer the distribution back to it at any time. Trustee Limoge asked how getting rid of the excess equipment was going. Pete replied that after looking at the equipment, so of it could be kept. The rest of it, has been sent to some companies that purchase

equipment and we are waiting to hear back from them. We are hopeful with the current supply issues; we may be able to make back our money.

The loan for the water GIS project was approved. It's called a loan but it is actually a grant that we do not have to pay back. Penny is working through some administrative processes. We have to report to the PUC all of our net metering projects and they will update the rates paid to solar customers. We will have to have a minor tariff change. Trustee Heanue asked if we could work in fees in to cover administration. Penny stated that we will tackle that when we do our next rate case. Our rates for after-hours call outs, for instance, were established 10 years ago. Paul Nolan did file an administrative amendment to amend our license and separate the plants out. Ron Stancliff provided Penny with information and maps of our property which in the Town we are paying taxes on which she forwarded to the Board. Every five years we need to conduct a functional exercise of the Emergency Action Plan for the Green River Reservoir. It is conducted by the Emergency Management Group but MW&L's part is relatively easy as we only have to raise the alarm by initiating the EAP and let everyone know the water is coming. We are hoping to conduct it this fall. The audit is scheduled for March 21st.

b. Any other Business to come before the meeting. None

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

8) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:09 PM, on a **motion** by Trustee Heanue and seconded by Trustee Limoge, the board approved (3-0) to go into executive session to discuss **a)** item(s) excepted from open meeting per Title 1 VSA § 313 (a)(3), the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee and to discuss **b)** item(s) excepted from open meeting per Title 1 VSA § 313 (a)(1)(E), pending or probable civil litigation or a prosecution, to which the public party is or may be a party. The board came out of executive session at 6:39 PM.

10) ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING:

On a **motion** by Trustee Heanue and seconded by Trustee Limoge, the board approved (3-0) to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM.

Attest: Robert Heanue