

VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE  
WATER AND LIGHT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2022  
Wednesday

5:30PM  
MW&L Office

PRESENT:

Trustees: Carl Fortune, Tom Snipp and Brad Limoge

Staff: Penny Jones, Kevin Newton, Pete Crowley

Public: David Heller

Absent: Todd Deuso, Bob Heanue

1) CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Fortune called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

2) CONSIDER AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

None.

3) APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 6, 2022:

On a **motion** by Trustee Snipp and seconded by Trustee Limoge, the board approved (3-0) the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 6, 2022.

4) APPROVE CHECK REGISTERS 4/8 & 4/14:

On a **motion** by Trustee Snipp and seconded by Trustee Limoge, the board approved (3-0) check registers 4/8 & 4/14.

5) OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Management Update. Trustee Limoge asked about hemp/CBD production and if it will affect our BOD at the WWTF. Kevin replied we are about to find out as Grimes has tied the new Butternut Mountain warehouse on Gallery Lane into the pump station and we learned they are doing some type of hemp/CBD production there. We took a sample from the pump station and are awaiting the results. We also learned of a CBD/edibles manufacturer/store that wants to move into the Mountain View Plaza that we are also investigating. There is also a proposed hemp/CBD processing facility on Stafford Avenue. Trustee Limoge asked if there was any update on the brewery that wants to open on Portland Street. We visited them and RAB Consulting was very good about including State inspectors. The State has reached out to the owner as they need further information due to the change of use. If he opens before providing us with all the reports we need, he will be in violation of his zoning permit.

We had a big snow storm yesterday that caused us to chase outages all day. The biggest thing for us is working with GMP to get SCADA in place for load shedding. Currently in an emergency situation, if we cannot shed enough load within 10 minutes, we run the risk of being shut down completely. At the very least, we need to protect the hospital circuit. We will probably be utilizing VELCO's fiber network instead of the internet or phone lines. VELCO has a very robust, secure VELCO-owned fiber network throughout the state and they have offered us security and back up services via the fiber hub located within our building. We are making repairs to issues found through infra-red scans conducted on the system.

Penny has been working with Christy to begin doing quarterly payroll filings. Ken Nolan comes around annually to ask what VPPSA is doing right/wrong for its members. Penny attended the Barton informational meeting. She completed the ARPA filing based on the last meeting's approval. Penny has

been looking at getting MW&L emails for the Trustees. Trustee Snipp is not sure he wants another email to check and questioned if inquiries could be made to them through Penny. Trustee Limoge is also not thrilled about another email address.

b. Review “Rules of Procedure” for joint appointments. The procedures have been updated to include the wording about a village or town resident and they added that alternates get first dibs. The only other change was changing “Village and Town residents” to “Village or Town residents”. The Selectboard had no further input and has been approved by them. The Trustees will vote on it at their May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

c. Barton Sale Update. Penny attended the information meeting. From the municipal utilities, there was Hardwick, Lyndonville, Orleans, and Morrisville along with two representatives from VPPSA. The first hour was the Barton Trustees explaining why they thought a sale was a good idea. The next hour was questions from the audience but everyone really wanted to hear from Ken Nolan (VPPSA) and John Morley (Orleans). Penny felt the temperature in the room was they wanted to pause and hear more about what Orleans had to offer. There were only approximately 20 Village voters in attendance. Barton has 2,000 ratepayers but only 350 can vote as Village residents. The biggest reason Penny saw for the sale was the Trustees were tired – they couldn’t find linemen and they couldn’t find a manager. The next step is a Village meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> after another informational meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Chairman asked what the impact on VPPSA would be. Penny is uncertain at this time other than Morrisville, along with all the other members, will need to pick up the load.

d. Any other Business to come before the meeting.

Copley Country Club has made a request for the special projects fund that will be presented at the next regular meeting. The Hutchins Street project will be approaching us for another incentive to install additional electric services in return for renewable energy credits. The Town Plan is at the Selectboard meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> as LCPC has additional changes and will require another public meeting.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

7) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:12 PM, on a **motion** by Trustee Snipp and seconded by Trustee Limoge, the board approved (3-0) to go into executive session to discuss 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; b) discussion of 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. The board came out of executive session at 7:37 PM.

8) ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING:

On a **motion** by Chairman Fortune, the board approved (3-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM.

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Attest: Tom Snipp