

**BLUE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 17, 2021 8:00AM
Virtual Zoom Meeting**



**Meeting Minutes
Reviewed but Not Yet Approved By Board**

8:00 A.M.- Call to Order

Board members present at the meeting were Greg Bauer, Weenonah Brattset, Jim Hochman, Roger Igielski, and Dick Natrop.

Staff member Greg Twelmeyer was in attendance.

No other government employees or officials attended.

Secretary's Report:

As Paul Cannestra did not attend, Jim Hochman presented the agenda. Motion to approved and seconded without a negative vote.

Jim Hochman presented the minutes from the February 6 board meeting. Motion to approve was presented, seconded and carried without a negative vote.

Sewer Report-Greg Twelmeyer

LW Allen has resolved the issues so we can get monthly reports.

VisuSewer has been called but has not advised Greg when it will start the work contracted or how long that work will take once begun.

VisuSewer has made a proposal for panel cleaning, to be done at the same time, offers time and materials, two people at \$140/hour.

Flow for the first quarter was reported as comparable to last year's Q1 flow, with reports to be delivered by Greg Twelmeyer to Jim Hochman.

Dam Report: Jim Olson did not attend, it was believed that the lake would be raised to spring level, a process that was expected to have started on April 15 of this year. Jim Hochman was to inquire of Jim Olson for an update.

Sewer bill payment options were discussed and are still under consideration as an addition to the property tax bill, to be continued for consideration between Treasurer Greg Bauer and County Treasurer John Jenson.

Update on the roof over the panel near the pump house: Dick Natrop reported there has been discussion with one tradesperson, but not bid, he will follow up and seek a bid or a different tradesperson.

Operations Report-Dick Natrop

Buoys ordered were picked up recently and will be installed in the coming weeks after the water level is raised and complete. Some discussion on use of old buoys as anchors followed, Dick indicated a few would be saved for the at purpose, but most of the 16 that will be replaced will be discarded.

Dick reported that a dumpster was rented to assist in the shop and recycling area cleanup. Volunteers to assist will be sought.

Dick reported that berm repair was projected for June and that he would seek to order the concrete panel to extend and make boat launching and recovery better.

Dick reported that the likelihood of DNR approving any weed spraying this year was low based on comments from both DNR (Sue Graham) and Jefferson County (Patricia Cicero) at our last meeting; but that Dick hopes to get County and DNR suggestions on improving weed harvesting and will welcome their visit to work with him and Trapper once the harvester is launched.

Town Report-Weenonah Brattset

A clerk treasurer has been appointed (Laura Lowry) who lives near Jefferson, transfer of duties from the Town's interim clerk treasurer are underway, effective 4/20.

Fire and EMS negotiations: no real progress yet, Weenonah expects to meet with Village President Kathy Weiss and Director James Small to exchange information in the coming weeks, as a preliminary to consideration of a new contract between the Town and the Village for Fire and EMS services.

Further consideration of speed signs on County H has occurred, county official Brian Udevich is uncertain on whether the presence of such signs will make a difference; Weenonah stressed that there would be a difference and reminded him of strong resident desire for such signs. Efforts will continue.

The Nowak request for a variance and a two story garage was unanimously denied by the County. Discussion of future enforcement ensued, resident calls to county officials was advised for follow up; and visits by the Town building inspector will follow to insure compliance.

County Report-Walt Christenson

Walt Christenson was unable to attend due to conflicts with meetings with two other districts on whose boards he serves. Discussion followed about how the County could add our quarterly sewer bills to the tax bill, with concern that some residents would not want to pay quarterly fees annually in advance or even in arrears.

Treasurer's Report-Greg Bauer

Without quarterly statements, Greg indicated that typically first quarter expenses were a small portion of our budget; cash flow and account balances were also strong.

The audit is proceeding but the auditors await information, to be provided by Cheryl.

Old Business

Roger Igielski reported that a survey was prepared but that it would not be launched to address start time for the parade until such time as the Board determined whether there would be a parade. Discussion followed, and on motion from Dick Natrop, it was determined that the walking parade would not be held, that the boat parade would be held. However, that the possibility of deferring the parade until Labor Day weekend was left open, depending on pandemic conditions, vaccinations, etc.

Geese Roundup: Mary Jo McMahon

Mary Jo reported that USDA officials indicated our response was strong and that it is anticipated that the roundup will occur in June on very short notice depending on conditions.

New Business

Roger inquired on the ski club's request to use the triangle for a bag toss fund raising event, the Board generally felt use of the Triangle area by a private (non-Board, non-District) group was acceptable. Jim Hochman would advise Steve Marcus and request a copy of the club's certificate of insurance.

Closed Session: Jim Hochman updated the board on the sewer report and anticipated increase in sewer charges.

On Motion, Board returned to Open session.

Informational meeting set for 5/29/21 at 9:00 am, location, Village Park Pavilion, already reserved for our use with the Village.

Close: The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 am.

Future Board Dates - all Board Meetings dates are suggestions and are subject to change

- April 17, 2021 – Board Meeting
- May 29, 2021 – Blue Spring Lake Management District Informational Meeting
- June 19, 2021 – Board Meeting