

Brookfield Water Department Minutes

Meeting Date December 14, 2022, meeting started at 11:04 AM

In attendance: Don Taft, Dennis Clarke, Bob Barnes, Al Jones (recorded minutes)

Absent: Holly Chisholm

Minutes from November 16, 2022 meeting were approved

No billing to approve

Reviewed budget money spent to date in FY202 – all members were in agreement that the numbers look good – Water Dept will most likely be putting forward an ATM article to transfer an amount of money from surplus at upcoming FY2024 ATM

Surplus \$160,143.44
Capital \$ 30,214.46
Total \$190,357.90

Drought update - water levels in our wells are recovering a little bit, but not as much as we would like to be seeing

Well maintenance – O4G well maintenance is scheduled for late winter 2023

Discussion on possibly using Senior/Veteran workoff hours to remove old T-111 siding and install new siding on well pump building and paint the well pump building

Discussion on how to improve staffing for Water Dept – Full time Superintendent and full time Secondary Operator should be goal at some point

After some discussion (and understanding that Water Commissioners stipends are not subject to a COLA increase) a motion was made by Al Jones and seconded by Bob Barnes to increase the amount of the stipends for Water Commissioners from \$600 to \$700 annually per member – vote was 3 to 0 in favor of the motion

Green Street Project – CDGB grant – Dennis had no new info on this project

Discussion regarding Kimball St possible CDBG grant – CMRPC initiative? Limited Water Dept involvement

Discussion regarding possibly applying for an MVP grant to create an interconnect between the Brookfield and East Brookfield Water systems, the 2 options discussed were either along Route 9 (approximately 2300 feet) or under the East Brookfield River that separates the Brookfield and East Brookfield wells (approximately 1800 feet)

Electronic Bill Payment – Holly still fine tuning this new system

Revised Water Dept Rules and Regulations including fees and dated 12/14/2022 were reviewed and Bob Barnes made a motion to accept them, Al Jones seconded the motion, vote was 3 to 0 in favor

Proposed Budget Review – Motion to approve as amended made by Al Jones and seconded by Don Taft, Bob Barnes abstained because he is a member of the Advisory Board – vote was 2 to 0 to approve proposed budget

Bob Barnes made motion to adjourn meeting at 12:29, seconded by seconded by Al Jones, vote 3 to 0 in favor