

LEDGEWOOD BEACH WATER DISTRICT

Monthly Minutes – April 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Commissioners present were Ralph Young, Don Pinter and Dale Hockstra. Andy Campbell represented Whidbey Water Systems. Mr. Doug Martin was present as a guest community member.

March vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Whidbey Water Services	\$978.05
Puget Sound Energy	\$165.2
Camarena Landscaping	\$150.00

Final financial reports for 2016 were reviewed:

1. Ralph Young has reconciled all 2016 values.
2. Challenges included only 11 months of billing due to the change from a 2 month to a 3 month billing cycle. The missing month will actually show up in 2017 financials.
3. Correction of the amount “billed” to the firehouse since the meter is read but there is no charge to LBWD for the water used.
4. The 2017 budget passed last meeting was changed to reflect larger water usage in the amount of \$8362.

Whidbey Water Services report:

1. The operations report was reviewed.
2. Testing for PFOA and PFOS is now in process.
3. The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) draft was circulated. It was agreed to delay including the CCR until the next billing so as to be able to include the PFOA and PFOS testing results. It was also agree that a line showing Manganese results should be included with inorganic contaminants.
4. The letter from the Washington State Department of Health was reviewed showing that LBWD now only needs to test for chlorine three times per week.
5. The schedule for the main valve exercise was reviewed. All 26 valves in the district are tested, the covers are painted, and the area generally cleaned. This is usually done in the late summer on an annual basis.

General Business:

1. The minutes for both March 14 and March 18 were reviewed. A single word was corrected. Ralph Young moved that the minutes be approved, second by Don Pinter, motion approved 3-0.
2. A notice will appear in the July billing regarding the new water use efficiency goals. This will follow a public meeting to be announced by Whidbey Water Services.
3. The Whidbey Island Water and Sewer Association annual symposium will take place on June 24 for those interested in attending. It was also noted that WIWSA has a quarterly meeting schedule.
4. Continued discussion of the tree root problem. A draft of a letter to involved homeowners was provided. It appears that the problem is confined to three properties. It was also noted that Fox Tree Service will do this type of work for \$1000 per day.
5. Emergency preparedness was discussed. It was agreed that this is something LBWD needs to do, especially since the three commissioners would likely be the first line of response in the event of a landslide, earthquake, or similar natural disaster. There was consensus to make sure all valves are labelled, that all commissioners have the necessary tools to shut down parts of the water system, and that a drill should be conducted. This exercise will take place at the end of the May 2017 meeting.
6. There was a reminder about the time frame for filing for election as a commissioner.
7. It was noted that there will be a new connection for Lot 7 on Fircrest and that the hookup fee is in question. Also, the new owner of Lot 6 on Driftwood Way desires a connection.

Goals for 2017:

1. The process of getting bids to demolish the old powerhouse is underway.
2. The backflow educational document and survey are on schedule for the July billing. A draft document will be sent out via email for comments.
3. Ralph Young has started conversations with Arthur Nowell, President of the Bonair water system regarding an intertie.
4. LBWD and LBPOA have agreed to hire Rip's Roofing to redo the firehouse roof. The two organizations will split the cost 50/50. LBWD has already budgeted \$3000 for this project.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.