

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday December 22, 2020
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jim Marks, and Bruce Rosenquist. Five citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Information and Correspondence

Discussion on calls/emails related to billing. All members had some level of communication with citizens regarding billing, with most going to M. Bluemel. Many questions were related to the bills being for 18 months. An explanation was added to website by R. Mayer and on the NextDoor app by B. Rosenquist.

R. Schopp spoke briefly of his visit to Inland.

J. Bellante provided a copy of a 1986 resolution regarding billing procedures that was found in the District archives. The board members were not aware of this resolution until the documentation was found.

Discussion and possible action regarding the billing of District properties

M. Bluemel provide a list of properties that were added to the billing this year. There was discussion on the different groups of owners (single property, owner of multiple properties, under charged properties) and the recent change in billing.

One citizen from Francis Way was allowed to present her situation. This was her first time being billed by the District but her property was the only property in that subdivision had not been billed since it was developed. An explanation was provided as to why she received a bill and for that amount. She asked how the District benefits her property. The benefit of having a clean, functional lake was explained and that the District is overseen by the UW Extension, who is then governed by the DNR. With her questions answered, the Board moved to discussing the charging owners of multiple properties.

In light of the documentation found since the last meeting, J. Marks made a motion to reimburse the new fees that were added to the 2021 tax bill for owners of multiple properties as per the precedent set by resolution # 2-1986, including the subdivision lake lots that had not been billed in previous years. B. Rosenquist second. Motion passed 6-0, with J. Bellante abstaining. M. Bluemel, J. Sauld, and R. Mayer will coordinate the reimbursement.

There was discussion on the District tax map and possible lamination. Item was tabled to next meeting.

Discussion on Survey of District Lot next to Public Launch

J. Bellante found a certified survey map of the lot. There was discussion on providing a copy to the neighbor who approached Board about purchasing a portion of the lot. Ron will provide copy of certified survey to neighbor, with Board not committing to sale, just open to discussion of receiving an offer.

Discussion and possible action on USGS agreement

M. Bluemel provided email from US Dept of Interior regarding the annual contract with USGS for lake monitoring. J. Marks provided a brief history on why the contract is part of a court settlement and is legally required. The expense is an expected annual expense and is included in the 2021 budget. M. Bluemel will sign and return contract.

Discussion/Update on the SSW Report (draft)

A draft report was forwarded (225 pages) to members and is awaiting DNR approval. Grant funds are reliant on the report being approved by the DNR. Board is also waiting on the recommendations from Lake & Pond as to further treatments. R. Schopp mentioned that the permit process is now completed on-line. Clearwater will be asked to complete the annual harvesting report for 2020

Public Comments

Two citizens commented on an email from regarding property billing. It was explained that the spreadsheet provided for billing by a former employee and the spreadsheet from Racine County were off by approximately 90 properties. The audit was completed to resolve that issue for billing before uploading. There was

no malicious intent to bill the owners with multiple properties; at that point it was thought to be the fairest option to all property owners in the District. Once the Board was made aware of the 1986 resolution, action was taken to resolve the issue.

There were also questions on the District lake lot and the discussion on potentially splitting it. The Board is open to discussion on an offer that would benefit the District.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.