

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., at the Effingham Public Library, 200 N. Third St., Effingham, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Rob Brown. Roll call was taken, with the following trustees present: Jim Boos, Chris Kabbes and Rob Brown.

(see attached list for others present)

Mr. Brown moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for February 13/16, 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for February, 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the list of bills for February 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Brian Swingler – APO letters:

Mr. Swingler addressed the Board regarding not receiving notification on a sale of property as an adjoining property owner through the Post Office. There was discussion for alternatives to deliver the adjoining property owner letters. It was decided to send the notification certified mail and regular mail.

Evan & Susan Dunlap – Blue Point Trail Drainage:

Mr. Dirks reported that Dust Enterprise and the EWA employees have done some work addressing the drainage problem. As the area dries up, more work will be done.

Mike Dirks – Vendors at Beach Area:

Mr. Dirks addressed the Board regarding policy for allowing vendors to set up at Lake Sara. Discussion included full time/part time vendors, registration requirements, county inspections and background checks. Mr. Dirks presented a sample contract and application for the Board to review. The Board will review the information received before making a decision.

Policy & Procedures Semi-Annual Review:

The Board suggested some minor changes to the Employee Policy including adding the new Federal Holiday in June; Payroll Policy; and Lease Transfer/Assignment Procedure. The Office Manager will update for review at the next meeting.

Non-Agenda:

Mr. Scott Ealy addressed the Board regarding an event called "Blessing of the Fleet" on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. The Board did not have any objections to the event and requested Mr. Ealy to co-ordinate the event with Mr. Dirks.

The City of Effingham used 16 million gallons of water in January 2023 and 30 million gallons in February 2023.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Tony Siemer updated the Board regarding Court Six – Winterrowd. He has contacted their attorney several times but has not been able to get him to return his call. The Board requested that Mr. Siemer continue to move the matter forward.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Mike Dirks reported that he processed four (4) building permits and the water was 1" below normal pool.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed one (1) lease transfer in February.

Parks and Rec Committee:

Mr. Tom Ryan presented three equipment proposals for Phase 2. Mr. Ryan was given approval to prepare order.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Mr. Doug Thies addressed the Board regarding the upcoming spring newsletter and the first meeting on May 6 at A1 Liquors. They will make a donation of \$2000 to Lake Sara Forever.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6.45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary