

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., at the Effingham Public Library, 200 N. Third St., Effingham, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Jim Boos. Roll call was taken, with the following trustees present: Chris Kabbes, Jim Boos and Rob Brown.

(see attached list for others present)

Mr. Kabbes moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for August 9, 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the special meeting minutes for August 27, 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the treasurer's report for August 2021 as amended. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the list of bills for August 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Dunlap Update:

Mike Dirks reported that he rented a camera to check the culverts. They are both 15" culverts draining into a catch basin. Both culverts were clear of debris at this time. The culverts are of a sufficient size. Due to climate change we are having more heavy rain which leads to more debris buildup. EWA crew is cleaning the debris out on a regular basis. There was discussion as to diverting some of the run off by creating a gutter and/or creating check dams to slow the water down. Mike Dirks will get with Summit Township to discuss options.

Lot 27 Boos & Grunloh #2:

Mr. Siemer informed the Board that he requested an estimate for repairing and finishing the house exterior. The estimate came in at \$18,000. Mr. Siemer will contact the lessee to discuss the estimate and let them know that the Board may proceed with legal proceedings.

Boat Licenses:

The Board agreed to make the following changes to the boat licenses: eliminate the resident and non-resident boat licenses and combine them into one motorized boat license at a cost of \$75.00. Mr. Brown moved to approve the change to the boat license. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Steve Anderson – Culvert:

Mr. Anderson addressed the Board regarding a culvert which drains into his ditch. With heavy rain the water ponds in his front yard. Mike Dirks will keep an eye on it. This culvert runs under the road and traffic smashes it on one side. EWA crew will clean out the ditch and put stakes up to protect the culvert.

Lot 26 & Lot 27 Twin Oaks – Replat:

A request was made to re-plat these two lots to make both lots 1 acre in size. Mr. Brown moved to approve the re-plat request. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Non-Agenda:

Mrs. Jane Montello asked whether someone had re-done the map and changed lot lines. Mr. Dirks stated that the State of Illinois surveyed some lakes in the state and they surveyed ours. It was topographical in nature only. He has copies of the new map for anyone interested in looking at it.

Good Neighbors:

Mrs. Jane Montello reported to the Board that they have 260 members and 9 business memberships. Their last meeting will be on October 2.

Parks & Rec:

Mr. Tom Ryan informed the Board that the grant application for Phase 2 has been submitted. Phase 2 will include a fitness court, fitness challenge course, pickle ball court, beach volleyball court and ¼ mile track. The Sunshine Rotary is interested in funding a bocce ball court. They will be wrapping up Phase 1 in the near future.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Siemer reported that Brian Larson had contacted him regarding the Tax Sale property that had been discussed at a prior meeting as to what happened. Mr. Brown stated that Mr. Kellams had not responded back as of this time.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Mike Dirks stated that he processed three (3) permits in August and the water was 7" below normal pool.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed three (3) lease transfers in August.

Mr. Brown reported that the City of Effingham used 46 million gallons of water in August.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6:10 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary