

Thirty Nine North Conservancy District
March 4, 2022
Board Meeting Minutes

In Person Attendees:

Board

Mark Childress

Ed Arnold

John Knoll

Staff

Gary Radtke

Public

John English

By Zoom Internet

Cheryl Reinhart

Jim Clarida

Jeffrey Haw

Shaw Friedman

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Childress. All stood and recited the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes for the February/Annual meeting were reviewed. With no corrections or additions, Cheryl Reinhart moved to approve as read, Ed Arnold seconded and all voted in favor.

The Financial report was reviewed. Cheryl Reinhart moved to approve, Jim Clarida seconded and all voted in favor.

Bills for payment were reviewed. Clerk Knoll gave an explanation of the bill from Pavey Excavating. This was a carryover situation from 2020. The Family Express lift station had started leaking; repair was attempted, but a series of problems including incorrect parts being sent and backlog of correct parts left the repair incomplete until late 2021/early 2022. Pavey did all the work as clarified by the Sewer Department Maintenance leader, Will. The repair keeps the pressure for the pushing of refuse at full power so that there is no leakage or back surge, which also requires more electricity for the cycling. John Knoll move to approve the bills as written and as expected in normal range, second by Cheryl Reinhart, all voting in favor

Old Business: Reports

Attorney Friedman reported that at the Economic Development commission meeting Mr. Reardin reported that things look for our Application for the EDA Grant. He said it seems like if we would get the one first match monies, we might have more success with the ARP Grant through the County.

Mr. Friedman said he wishes for an opportunity to address comments that have been in the paper that had less been than correct comments. He agreed to work with President Childress and our Engineer to clarify these. President Childress noted his feelings of needing to address their miss-statements. The Board recalls that the original Project for the District was done with the City of La Porte approving all parts of the project, and when the original Contractor Defaulted, Safe Co Insurance (Bonding entity) and our own Insurance Company double checked all work after, to completion.

Gary Radtke, Engineering:

Shady Grove Extension Project: Because of current weather, the Start Date by Payjay Inc. is now set at March 21, 2022. The ground must be warm enough before direct bore work can begin.

Likewise, until construction is in progress, we do not know what generator is going to be required.

Mr. Radtke reminded that since he is working for both Shady Grove owner, John Parelli, and the District, he needs to have a Conflict of Interest agreement approved by the District. (He noted there might another job situation that will require the same.) Clerk Knoll presented the Conflict of Interest papers for the Shady Grove project. Ed Arnold moved to approve that Radtke Engineering may work for Shady Grove on this project and be our Engineer. Second by John Knoll, all voting in favor. The Board will sign the Conflict of Interest form and it will be forwarded to the SBOA.

Mr. Radtke continued that he and outgoing engineer Jeffrey Haw had a meeting to review ongoing/ending projects. The main focus was on The Odor Control project to clean up discharge acidity going into the City lines. Three items were noted:

1. Mowing of the mound where the aeriator is placed needs to be confirmed.
2. Performance is not at the higher level expected by the City, and perhaps as in pre-installation information. Radtke will contact the Company as testing continues.
3. The Contractor still had to complete the landscaping which weather did not permit. Monitoring will be up to Radtke Eng. before Held amount may be paid.

Mr. Radtke continued that he really would like to see the study done by NEIS for the City which was used by the City for their discussions at the December 21 meeting. Mr. Radtke continues to feel that our needs for the water tower are a smaller until that the 500,000. Gal tank called for by the City. But no one can see the study/report so far. Mr. Radtke asked that the District notify the Water and Sewer Superintendents that they are now the Engineers of record for the District.

Jeffrey Haw was asked if he recalled any other information that was shared at the meeting, and he said none was.

President Childress wished to make a report. He reminded the Board that there have been several ideas brought forth for how we might attempt to solve the question of water supply. We have been presented with several. Our options are not limited, but our funding is our problem. It doesn't matter how good an option might be, if we do not have the funding. He suggested if anyone knew a grant writer or funder, we need to look to another avenue there.

Ed asked if the District can ask for the Study so we can make comparisons to other ideas. He also suggested that we need to get all the district involved by use of a letter to all. Do we have email addresses of all the District? WE need that as a way to keep the whole District involved in whatever process we use to proceed.

Mr. Friedman said he had asked City attorney Otis at least a month ago for the Study. So far, nothing has been sent to him and he was told that the reply was not to ask that it is not

negotiable and the only discussion will be how are we going to fund all it requires? Mr. Friedman will follow up with another request. Ed Arnold made a motion that Attorney Friedman contact the City again for a copy of the Study and John Knoll seconded. All voted in favor.

Clerk Knoll asked Cheryl Reinhart if she was still able to get the emails of the members of the Villas of Briar Leaf Condo Association. She said yes, she can send them to us and they have been approved for our use in conversations going forward.

No Public questions.

Move to adjourn by Ed Arnold, second by John Knoll, all in favor.

Next meeting will be April 1, 2022. As noted by Attorney Friedman, the Governor has NOT continued the Covid Emergency. Therefore, the rules we adopted last year for Zoom attendance at meetings will go into force. (2 meetings in a row; ½ of Board must be in person)

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Knoll