

Thirty Nine North Conservancy District
Board Meeting
August 7, 2020
Meeting By Zoom Internet

Board Present	Staff Present	Public Present
John Knoll	Shaw Friedman	Ken Ucho
Mark Childress	Jeffrey Haw	
Ed Arnold/Debra Arnold	Randy Strasser	
Proxy for part meeting	Gary Radtke	

The meeting Was called to order by President Knoll.
The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. Mark Childress moved to approve the minutes as presented, Jim Laughlin seconded and all voted in favor
The financial report was reviewed. Mark Childress moved to approve the report as given, Jim Laughlin seconded and all voted in favor.
Bills for payment were presented. Mark Childress move to pay as presented and if others came in which were normal and appropriate. Jim Laughlin seconded and all voted in favor.

Reports:

Attorney Friedman began with a request to Continue our work on the Water Tower Funding. The Redevelopment Commission has agreed to have Mary Jan Thomas work on the available Grants. She is about 9/10 done with the application at this time. We need to provide letters of support and Investment letters to them. On the State side, we do not qualify for some of the assistance plans. However, there are others that can still be worked on with the correct planning. Krieg/DeVault has been helpful so far in getting us in the door with Mr. Schellinger and his group. Mr. Friedman encourages that we need to re-engage K/D for another six month term to continue working toward asking for money through avenues that they have contact with. Mark Childress sited the lack of any contact with K/D through most of their previous term and that we would need to have monthly reporting of their activity as part of the agreement.

Ed Arnold, at this point, proposed for the Board to convene for an Executive meeting. We should meet at the Union Hall and discuss a Personnel matter.

Discussion continued with some verbiage about the blocking we have encountered because of not currently having a water tower in place. The Mr. Arnold discussed the meeting he was called to, to discuss the issue with the water tower that is holding up progress. He was invited to the meeting expecting it to be a one on one meeting with Mr. Novak. Instead there were two representatives from the Water Department, as well as others including some local fire department members. Mr. Arnold said he felt overwhelmed and was surprised at some of the comments made. He was told that the City would build a water tower if the District system was turned over to them. He was told that referrals to anyone calling about availability of property in the District for new Construction were negative because there was no water tower to support the needs.

As the discussion was ended, Mark Childress made a motion that we renew the agreement with Krieg/DeVault for another 6 month term with the specific request that we have monthly reports on their efforts on our project. Jim Laughlin seconded. The vote was called with aye votes by Mark Childress, Jim Laughlin, and John Knoll, Ed Arnold Abstaining. The motion passed.

Mr. Friedman replied that he may need to call on Board members to help with our work on the project going forward. Meeting with Mr. Shellinger in May was a good meeting, but we may need more of the personal contacts in the future.

Mr. Arnold continued discussion about the way the meeting he had with Mr. Novak went. He said he feels that Mr. Novak does not care to discuss, help or consider an alternate. Mr. Arnold says we need to talk to the Mayor about the comments made about the City taking over the District. No mention was made of annexing. He would hope that if anything like that ever came to be, there would not be any sur charges on current District members. He would almost consider turning the District over to them.... Then he asked Gary Radtke what size the mains in the District water system are. The City thinks they are 8" instead of the 12" called for. Gary said that he would be glad to provide a plan set which shows the as build system.

Mr. Friedman asked about getting testimonial letters from those who had hands- on experience with "dry-hydrants" or pressure power-stations for auxillary water for fire fighting using a pond as the water source. Mr. Arnold replied that he is no longer pursuing either system. They did not approve the presented idea.

Jim Laughlin asked Jeffrey Haw if he had examples of such systems being used. Jeffrey said he did not have examples, but he knows it has been done and one was just being put in order last week. It was too close to the meeting time for him to have information of it so far.

Mr. Arnold said that the State Fire Marshall and Home Land Security do approvals of the building he is using for the Assisted Living Project he is working on. Mr. Arnold excused himself from the meeting and left his proxy with Debra Arnold.

Jerry Jackson discussed the repair project which was started last month. The bolts for the motor at the lift station at Family Express have failed and can not be repaired as they are. He has gone ahead with ordering the new parts needed now that the inspection shows it can a repair situation. They will continue when parts come in. Mark Childress continued the motion for the repair to be done as needed, Jim Laughlin seconded and all voted in favor.

Jeffrey Haw from VS Engineering reported on the meeting with Jerry Jackson from the Sewer Department, regarding the Odor Control project using the alternate site. After looking at the site, Jerry said he would like V/S to go back to the company and check all the specs and standards and get up to date cost comparisons for both the sites/installations for a final comparison, he is giving a verbal preliminary approval for the alternate site.

Jeffrey continued that the Shady Grove Trailer Court group is working in the final phase on a commercial building plan on the property. The plan is about 75% ready and should be available next Board meeting.

Attorney Friedman has asked that Jeffrey Haw and Gary Radtke meet with new Water Superintendent Tim Werner to pick up our association with the Water department where it left off on good working terms, with Todd Tayler. They can see if there is something behind the rumors that Ed Arnold seemed to find at his meeting. Jim Laughlin made the meeting a motion for the Engineers to work on, Mark Childers seconded and all voted in favor.

Clerk Knoll reported that there are changes that need to be made in our SKATA electronic system on the water pumping station now that the City's system has been updated with new equipment. Our electronics can no longer signal to the new system and our system is too old to just update. The suggestion was made that we should wait for the meeting with Jeffrey and Gary and the Water Superintendent to get more information and specs. Jim Laughlin made a motion that if this is urgent and can't wait for the meeting that Gary and Jeffrey are having we should go ahead and allow up to \$10,000.00 to do the upgrade. Mark Childress seconded and all voted in favor.

Clerk Knoll asked about the use of Zoom Virtual meeting for the next meeting which is our Public Hearing on the Budget. Shaw Friedman said to plan to use Zoom, that the Governor might extend Zoom use as legal for meetings again. We will work it out.

Deb Arnold took a minute to express that her husband is really working hard on this dream of an Assisted Living Project and sometimes it has been very challenging. But his heart is in it and he is working very hard to accomplish the goal.

Jim Laughlin move to adjourn, second by Deb Arnold, all voting in favor. Next meeting will be the Budget Hearing on September 4, 2020, 8 AM with further information on the method (virtual or in person) and place to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Knoll, Financial Clerk