

# Pinos Altos Mutual Domestic Water Consumer Association

**Annual Board Meeting  
Wednesday September 9, 2020  
Pinos Altos Fire Station**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Shay Stark-Lane, President.

All attendees wore face masks and only 10 people were allowed inside the fire station with a minimum of six feet between participants. Unfortunately, some attendees participated in the meeting from the front and side porches.

Board members in attendance were: Shay Stark-Lane, President; Allan Phillips, Vice President; Becky Dinwiddie, Treasurer; Gary Geisler, Secretary and Tom Gadgaudas, Member at Large.

April Matthews, Bookkeeper was in attendance. Mark Johnson, Bob Garrett, Ann Estenson, Buck Burns, David Van Auker, Rick Johnson, Doug Dinwiddie and Joe Yniquez were also in attendance.

A quorum was proven.

Public input sign in was closed.

Confirmed the agenda was posted at the fire station on August 26, 2020 and posted on the website on August 27, 2020 fourteen days prior to the meeting. The agenda was approved though Mark Johnson questioned the Closed Session, if needed, listed on the agenda.

The minutes from the July 8 2020 meeting were approved with a change made adding Manny's last name and position under Certified Water Operator Report.

## **MANDATED BUSINESS**

### **President's Report:**

Confirmed next meeting will be November 11, 2020. Discussed options on where to hold the meeting with possible inclement weather in November and with no more than 10 people allowed in the fire station due to COVID 19 mandates. Possible locations suggested were a large hall at the Bear Creek Cabins or the Opera House at the Buckhorn Saloon. Board to research to find suitable location so all that wishes to attend can and will be inside, warm and dry. Election of two new board members was next on the agenda. Shay Stark-Lane and Tom Gedgaudas terms were ending. Both wished to continue on the board. They were each nominated and unanimously elected to another term on the board. The board then elected their officers for the next year. Shay Stark-Lane was elected President, Alan Phillips was elected Vice President, Becky Dinwiddie was elected Treasurer, Gary Geisler was elected Secretary and Tom Gadgaudas was elected member at large. Shay then opened a discussion on the recent letter the board send to all association members with an update on the pending lawsuit and request for more participation with the board. Mark Johnson expressed his concern about how the letter casts him as the bad guy and said our characterization of him was disingenuous. Ann Estenson appreciated the letter and the general consensus was that the letter was fine. Shay then informed the board that our

insurance agent hadn't gotten back to her on her request for detail information regarding the liability and workman's comp insurance policy. Since there was any information to discuss, it was tabled until the next meeting.

**Bookkeeper's Report:**

Water acquisition fee has not increase for the next year. April brought up that we still have six old meters in use. She also brought up that within the water acquisition fee we pay \$7.20 per meter each month and we have a couple meters that have been disconnected and inactive but are still in place. April is going get those meters numbers and Alan is going to remove those meters and get the number to Gary so he can contact Silver City and stop getting charged every month for inactive meters.

**Treasurer's Report:**

W-2's and 1099's will be ordered to arrive in plenty of time for completion by end of year. Becky brought up the issues April has been having with the association's printer. April has had to use her own printer for monthly bills and other association business. Becky requested the board pays April for the ink she has used. The Board approved a payment of \$65. The board also asked April to get two or three bids for a new printer and bring to next meeting.

**Certified Water Operator's Report:**

Water samples have been done and are fine for July and August. We are going to continue to use Manny Orosco III at cost of \$350 / quarter to do all samples needed. April has been getting the sample results each month.

**Vice President's Report:**

Hydrants were flushed in August and will be flush again in November. Alan talked about his frustration with J&S plumbing. There was an emergency call made to them for a water leak and they were five hours late to repair and apparently decided to fix toilet handles at the Tyrone mine. Next issue Alan has he is going to call PA plumbing, even though he has had problems with them in the past as well. Difficult time finding responsive and reputable plumbers. Discuss meter #40, a commercial one near the cabins, that has always been there but meter still at zero. Alan is going to remove that meter. We have six new residential meters available and Alan is going switch out the remaining old meters in use.

**NON-MANDATED BUSINESS:**

No public input.

Next Meeting is November 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Location to be determined and announced in plenty of time for all association members to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

**Minutes prepared by Gary Geisler on September 11, 2020. E Mailed to board on September 11, 2020.  
Draft minutes posted to website for public viewing on September 14 2020.**