

# Pinos Altos Mutual Domestic Water Consumer Association

**Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday September 15, 2021  
Pinos Altos Fire Station  
Held Immediately after Annual Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Tom Gedgaudas, President after the completion of the annual meeting.

Board members in attendance were: Tom Gedgaudas, President; Allan Phillips, Vice President; Becky Dinwiddie, Treasurer; Gary Geisler, Secretary and Gabriel Preusch, Member at Large.

April Matthews, Bookkeeper and Linda Davilla, Meter Reader were in attendance. Bob Garrett and Shay Stark-Lane were also in attending.

A quorum was proven.

Public input sign-up was closed.

The agenda was approved.

Minutes were approved from the July 21, 2021 regular board meeting.

## **Non-Mandated Business: Public Input**

Bob Garrett expressed his concern that the board's lawyer is dragging out the lawsuit. He stated that he now believes that Mr. Johnson is entitled to the information he is asking for and suggested the board should resolve this lawsuit by entering into mediation. Becky responded that mediation is used to find common ground or a compromise, but this lawsuit comes down to a yes or no. The board does not wish to release any private membership information unless instructed by the attorney general, who authored the Inspection of Public Records act, or by a judge in a court of law. To date, the judge has not made a ruling and the trial continues until a verdict has been rendered.

Gabriel Preusch wanted to discuss water line easements. Between Golden and Main, there is a road that runs through his property with a water main on it. He asked if anyone knows the name of that road and if there is an easement in place for that water line. No one on the current board is able to answer either question. This has been an issue for years as it pertains to what easements were set up when the water lines were put into place back in the 1980's. Bob suggested that we reach out to the city of Silver City to see what records exist from the initial set up of the water system. Tom then stopped this discussion as it wasn't on the agenda and stated that this issue can be addressed at a future board meeting.

**New Business:**

**Elections of Board Officers:**

Becky, Gary and Allan are willing to continue in their current positions. Gabriel is willing to serve as member at large. Tom is willing to continue as President. All were nominated to serve in those positions and were unanimously approved.

**Proposed increase of connection fee:**

Current new connection fee charged by the association is \$3,000. The amount charged by the Town of Silver City has gone up from \$1800 to \$2300. Parts for the meter connection are approximately \$950 but could possibly increase in the future. Presently, we are losing money at each new connection with more connection inquiries happening. It was suggested that we raised the new connection fee to \$3500, but after looking at the potential for future increases from the city and the current inflation rate for all products and supplies, that number didn't seem to be enough. After a discussion, the board unanimously approved increasing the new connection fee to \$4000.

**Unfinished Business from Prior Meeting:** No unfinished business from prior meeting

**Officers & Bookkeeper Reports:** Officers and bookkeeper reports were presented at the Annual Meeting held prior to the Regular Board Meeting, so there were no reports at this meeting.

Gary made a motion for the board to go into a closed session limited to the discussion of a bookkeeper payroll matter. Gabriel seconded. A Roll call vote was held to enter into the closed session with Allan Phillips, Gabriel Preusch, Becky Dinwiddie, Gary Geisler and Tom Gedgudas each voting yes to enter into the closed session. The board went into a closed session at 8:11 pm

The board exited the closed session and returned to the regular board meeting at 8:25 pm. The board had a roll call vote to confirm that the only topic discussed during the closed session was a payroll matter concerning the bookkeeper. Alan Phillips, Gabriel Preusch, Becky Dinwiddie, Gary Geisler and Tom Gedgudas each voted yes to that statement.

The board then unanimously approved the payroll change proposed during the closed session.

The next meeting will be held November 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm at PA Fire Station.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

**Minutes prepared by Gary Geisler on September 18, 2021. E Mailed to board on September 18, 2021  
Draft minutes posted to website for public viewing on September 21, 2021.**