

Pinos Altos Mutual Domestic Water Consumer Association

**Regular Meeting
Wednesday May 18, 2022
Pinos Altos Fire Station**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Tom Gedgudas

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

April Matthews, Bookkeeper and Linda Davila, Meter Reader were also in attendance.

Public Input sign up was closed.

A quorum was proven.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes from the March 30, 2022 Regular Board Meeting were approved unanimously.

Non-Mandated Business: Public Input

No public input was requested.

New Business:

No New Business.

Unfinished Business from Prior Meeting:

Follow-up Discussion Concerning Multiple Homes Attached To One Meter:

The board spent considerable time discussing this topic and also discussing excess water usage by some members. The board decided to move forward with Becky's suggestion of sending a letter to all members providing an amnesty opportunity for those members with multiple residences serviced by one meter who come forward. Tom will work on a draft letter to send to the members and bring to the next meeting. This topic was tabled until then. The board also decided to work on a procedure to address excess water usage due to leaks which the member has failed to correct. Gary will work on two draft letters to use in the future for members with excess water usage and present to the board at the next meeting. The board will finalize a set procedure at the next meeting. This topic was tabled until then.

Follow-up Discussion Concerning Lost Water Issue:

Allan reported to the board that he couldn't get any information on locks for our fire hydrants. April provided the board with the percentages of water lost for the past two months and it has dropped considerably. The board discussed that this could be from finally getting numerous leaks repaired. As the lost water percentage has dropped well below 10% the board decided to just watch the number to see if it goes back up. Gary is going to contact Robert Esqueda, with Silver City Utilities, to ask about

meter calibration. Tom doesn't want the board to drop pursuing steps to limit water lost in the future, so this will be an issue closely watched in the future and discussed regularly at future meetings.

President's Report:

Tom did an update on the April 19th court hearing. The judge dismissed the Motion for Default Judgement. The judge asked for our attorney and the plaintiff to get together and set up pre-trial conference so a trial date could be set and the lawsuit could move to closure. Tom presented the chlorine numbers for March, April and May, which were satisfactory. Tom completed the annual NM Water & Sewer User Survey. He sent it back in and sent a copy to April to post to the website.

Bookkeeper's Report:

April sent out numerous late notices and had one disconnect notice but the member paid their outstanding bill. She sent financials out before the meeting to all board members. She completed the Annual Consumer Confidence Report required by the state. It has been sent in and posted to the website.

Treasurer's Report:

Becky reported that the quarterly payroll reports for the IRS and for the state have been filed and copies sent to April. Becky completed the NM Mutual Worker Comp Insurance Annual Audit on line.

Secretary's Report:

Gary presented the Annual Member Accountability Report to the board for signatures. He will mail out this week and it will be completed prior to the July 1 due date. Gary sent the financial director of Silver City the Number of Active Connections on April 1st and will be send the number of New Connections to the Silver City Utility director by July 1st. Gary reported that he spoke to the town clerk and they have no idea about any easements from the installation of the main water lines in the 1980's.

Vice President's Report:

Allan reported that water loss is way down and we had no major leaks the past two months. Allan will keep an eye on everything. He will be flushing the fire hydrants next month. He also had to mark our water lines per NM 811 due to upcoming Main Street repaving.

Next Meeting will be held July 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the PA Fire Station.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

**Minutes prepared by Gary Geisler on May 21, 2022. E Mailed to board on May 21, 2022.
Draft minutes were posted to website for public viewing on May 25, 2022.**