

# Pinos Altos Mutual Domestic Water Consumer Association

**Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday September 14, 2022  
Pinos Altos Fire Station**

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Tom Gedgaudas, via cellphone, immediately after the Annual Meeting adjourned.

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

April Matthews, Bookkeeper was in attendance. Ann Estensen, Stuart Warnock, John Dagers, Susan Vandenberg and Mark Johnson were also in attendance.

Public Input sign up was closed.

A quorum was proven.

The agenda was posted ten (10) days prior at the Fire Station and on the website.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes from the July 20, 2022 Regular Board Meeting were approved unanimously.

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

Stuart Warnock wanted to discuss the open, raw sewage that is in collections ponds behind The Buckhorn and also behind his house. The mosquitos and other insects are terrible right now along with the smell. He wanted to know what could be done about it. Becky told him that we provide clean, safe water for the association and have nothing to do with environmental issues. Mark informed Stuart that this issue would be handled by the EPA and/or the New Mexico Environmental Department. He told Stuart there is an office down on 32<sup>nd</sup> street. Gary suggested contacting the main offices in Albuquerque. Gabe mentioned that he believed that the sewage collection area is up to code and it should be pumped regularly. Stuart mentioned that it wasn't. Gabe also suggesting contacting Griffin's Propane as the owner also owns the property the Buckhorn leases.

John Dagers wanted to discuss the big rut in front of the property where he resides. While he said it wasn't as bad as it has been in the past, it still is a hazard and need to be fixed. He also complained that the gravel that was there before J&S ran a service line to the property next door, is gone. Allan was going to get with J&S to get the ground leveled out and pull over some gravel.

## **New Business:**

### **Election of Board Officers**

The board unanimously voted to have all board directors remain in their current positions. Tom Gedgaudas, President; Allan Philips, Vice President; Becky Dinwiddie, Treasurer; Gary Geisler, Secretary and Gabriel Preusch Sanchez, Member at Large.

### **Authorization of a Noncompliant Test for HAA5 in Water**

Due to a communication issue between NMED and our Certified Water Operator, we didn't complete the HAA5 test when it was required. We aren't required by the NMED to perform the test now, but Tom felt we should do the test even though we will be listed as non-compliant until next June's test. The test is approximately \$145. After a discussion on how necessary it is to perform the test, the board unanimously passed the motion to get our CWO and the lab to perform the test.

### **Determining a Policy for Residential (1") and Commercial (1 ¼") Meter Usage**

A request was made for a residential customer to have a commercial meter installed to provide more water pressure and water flow on his property. There was a long discussion around what is residential versus commercial and the fact there isn't a written policy on who determines which meter to use. It was decided that J&S and Allan will research if having commercial meters being used by residential members will negatively impact other residential members' water pressure. The discussion was then tabled until next meeting when additional information will be available for the board to decide how to proceed.

### **Additional Costs for QuickBooks and/or the Purchase of New Accounting Software**

April spoke to the board about QuickBooks Accounting Software going totally internet based and making the current QuickBooks software April uses obsolete. After working through the numbers, it was decided to stay with QuickBooks and use the internet version for approximately \$600 a year. There was also a discussion on using the payroll program in QuickBooks, but it is extremely expensive. The board will look at other payroll options at the next meeting. The board unanimously approved the annual expense for the QuickBooks accounting internet software going forward.

## **Unfinished Business from the Prior Meeting:**

### **Approval of the Letter for Amnesty Plan for Multiple Homes on One Meter**

Tom presented his revised letter with corrections from last meeting. After a discussion and a couple of changes to the letter, four of the board members approved the letter. Gary refrained from participating in the letter discussion and abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

## **President's Report:**

Our water samples show an uptick in chlorine for one month and that is usually due to the city doing some work on the lines and increasing the chlorine to ensure that the water's safety. The increase in chlorine level is still in the acceptable range per the NMED. Manny did submit the TTHM samples in August.

**Bookkeeper's Report:**

April didn't have much, no disconnects and one late account due to a death in the family. She is going to spread out the bill. She corrected the July financials and resent them to the board.

**Treasurer's Report:**

As we are between quarters, Becky didn't have anything to report.

**Secretary's Report:**

Gary reported on the lawsuit. The trial was today, September 14. It was completed and the trial will have his verdict in 2-3 days at which time the attorney's can submit questions and responses before the final verdict.

**Vice President's Report:**

Allan reported on the pressure relief valve leak which will be fixed when J&S gets the parts needed. Tom asked about our higher water lost than earlier in the summer. It might be because of the leak, but Gabe brought up the county road crew pulling water from the hydrant at the Fire Station and the Fire Station using the hydrant for water to fill their tanks.

**Next board meeting will be on November 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the PA Fire Station**

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm**

**Minutes prepared by Gary Geisler on Sept 18, 2022. E Mailed to board on Sept 18, 2022.  
Draft minutes were posted to website for public viewing on Sept 21, 2022.**