

## OTEMWC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 18, 2019

The meeting was held at the home of George and Marian Silva, 3000 Woodstock Road. George Silva called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM. Board members present: Nancy Eckhous, Hank Cook, Dennis Jorgensen, Mike Rhodes and George Silva. David Mexico, the OTEMWC watermaster, participated. Shareholders David and Cindy Nuell also participated.

**Meeting Minutes** Minutes for the July 18, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved after the correction of two typos.

**Treasurer's Report** Nancy Eckhous provided a statement of income and expenditures YTD through June 30, 2019.

First Bank checking:	64,440.03	Budget Allocation:	Operating Fund	20,000.00
First Bank CD's	179,773.60		Reserve Fund	<u>224,213.63</u>
Total Bank Balances:	\$244,213.63		Total:	\$244,213.63

Total cash collected was \$97,934.84, which is favorable to budget by \$891.05. Nancy also noted:

- A/R report is \$928.37 favorable with no accounts aging beyond 30 days, several shareholders have paid in advance.
- Water usage for year-to-date is 12% less than last year though our recent July-Aug billing period is 3% more than the same period last year (2018).
- A brief review of budget line items indicated that a 2019 \$60/month service charge is expected to be reversed. In addition, electricity expenses continue to run favorable due to wells #6 and #7 pumping efficiency.

**Watermaster Report** Dave reported that testing now required for 'stand-by' wells (our wells #2 and #5) has been done (see minutes for 18Jul2019). Several other issues covering the period 19July19 through 18Sep19 were summarized by Dave:

- (7/19) Re-read meters for lots 41, 45, 71 & 79 showing good results, ordered new ultrasonic meter for lot 45
- (7/26 – 9/18) Extensive rehabilitation work undertaken by Fisher Pump on well #6. This action is prompted by well #6 failing to start as reported by Dave in our previous board meeting. Video examination showed 'bio-fouling' with mud blocking perforations. Fisher acid cleaned and zone pumped the well leading to a very good clean-up of the well casing and gravel pack. New motor and check valve were installed with the old wire and pump since both the pump and wiring appeared to be in good condition. This was all followed by two rounds of chlorine & flush to bring bacteria testing to a clean result. The well is 'on-line' pumping at 76 ft draw-down at 230 gal/min versus 86 ft at draw-down running 225 gal/min. The well is now 14% more efficient with work completed. We should expect lower pumping costs.
- (8/30) Lot 45 ultrasonic meter was installed.

**Old Business** The Nuells claim that 4 billing periods showing excessive water usage on their lot (one in 2016 and 3 in 2017) is due to OTEMWC error or meter failure. This claim was reported to the board months after the last of the 4 billing periods in question was paid. The OTEMWC board has found no definitive evidence that the meter or OTEMWC human error is at fault (see board minutes 18July2019). Since the Nuell's question the veracity of their meter, the board has replaced their meter with a new ultrasonic meter and the old meter has been sent for 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing (see Watermaster report above).

The Nuells and the Water Board have struggled with this matter for several months. The Nuell's have also sent an additional letter to the board, dated 5-September, where a possibility of meter reading error and/or confusion with a neighboring meter was advanced. These possibilities were discussed. The board decided to make a determination on this matter once: test results of the Nuell's old meter are in hand and data collected for billing periods in question are once again re-examined.

Emergency Plan Due to time, the board's discussion regarding a standard emergency plan has been deferred to a subsequent meeting. Mike had prepared a brief 'strawman' document to be tuned by the directors. Dave Mexico had provided extensive information to be examined as well.

**Adjournment** There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 5:56PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Rhodes, Secretary