

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Water Commission Minutes September 7, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Water Commission was called to order at 7:01 pm with the following present: Mayor Ken Lord, Assistant Mayor Brandon Sweeney, Council Members Matt Hull, Judy Kerns, Sarah Baker, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski, Town Administrator Lisa Riner, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

The minutes from the August 3, 2022 meeting were approved.

General Fund report was \$143,611.72.

No Announcements.

Old Business

Water Line Replacement, we received 2 responses from Mid-Atlantic Utilities and Guyer Brothers. Due to the large difference in amounts, Mr. Sweeney would like to go back to Guyer and ask for the same level of detail supplied in the Mid-Atlantic proposal. Mr. Hull agreed with going back to Guyer for details and said Guyer's reputation is impeccable.

Water System Maintenance Program, we received 2 responses from Huntzberry and ALC (Advantage Landscape & Construction). The prices are very similar. There was some discussion. Mr. Hull motioned to go with Huntzberry, Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor. Mr. Sweeney asked what duration. It was set up for a 5-year contract with a 5-year optional renewal. Mr. Hull motioned to go with the 5-year contract and 5-year option, and Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor. There was some discussion about not going with the lowest bid and the differences between a Request for Proposal (RFP) vs putting something out to Bid. Mr. Kuczynski will try to provide between now and the next meeting some clarification in the Ordinance for RFPs vs a request for Bid.

New Business

Water Tower Tank Maintenance, there was a discussion about color and lettering. It would not cost money to change the color, but it would cost a few thousand to change the lettering. Mr. Hull motioned to keep color and lettering the same, Ms. Baker seconded, Mr. Sweeney, and Ms. Kerns voted in favor, and Mayor Lord voted against.

There was some discussion about the tank being down for approximately 5 days while being painted. Mr. Hull received a call from Pete in Boonsboro regarding the water tower being shut down. Mr. Hull believes the system was designed to operate without the tank and suggested Pete call KCI to verify. If needed portable tanks can be used. Ms. Riner mentioned there could be some discolored water and sediment while the tower is shut down. Ms. Riner will send a letter to Town residents.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Back in session at 7:26 for Resident Comment – Resident Marnie Godet had an issue with her water bill and the lack of communication from Boonsboro regarding a leak at her property. Mr. Hull pointed out they are working on technology that will allow them to know of a leak promptly vs. now where meters are read every quarter. There was some discussion about Boonsboro having a list of leaks but not passing that info on to the Town of Keedysville. Mr. Sweeney said he will bring this up at the next joint water meeting with Boonsboro to understand their process of reporting water leaks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35
Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Pangle
Administrative Assistant

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Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: August 3, 2022 Meeting

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Announcements

Old Business: Water Line Replacement RFP; Water System Maintenance Program RFP

New Business: Water Tower Tank Maintenance

Comments by Residents

Comments by Commission

Adjournment