**SAWYER LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT**

**MONTHLY COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING**

**August 17, 2023**

**Present: Rich Adams, Dave Lebeouf, Tom LeMien, Janice Tkacek, Bob Dow, and Paula Adams**

**Meeting came to order at 6:00 PM. The Minutes from the July 20, 2023, meeting were read, accepted, and seconded.**

* **Dam: Rich stated that the lake will be drawn down early this year. The lowering will start on September 15, 2023. This is so the drilling and cement work that needs to be done to set the new pins for the breakaway boards can be completed. That is the work that will be done this fall. The engineers are also working on the plans for the rest of the work to be done.**

**Rich also thanked Dave and Tom for the many times they went over to either remove boards or put boards back in.**

* **Beaches: The rafts will come out before the 15th of September. The beaches have taken a pounding because of all the downpours. They will be raked before Labor Day. Bob has tried to stop the washout on Beach 2 with rocks and more berms. He hasn’t had a chance to get back over to look at it because of the road washouts.**
* **Roads: Bob brought up a couple of road issues. One of them is on Deer Drive. Bob brought Dave up to show him the issue. The rain runs down people’s property and washes out the road. There is so much silt coming down now it’s blocking the culvert that crosses Deer Drive. Bob said we need to get in touch with these people and ask them to fix this problem because it is washing out the road. Dave and Bob have spoken with the owners of the property several times and told them what needs to be done. They have said they would take care of it, but it hasn’t been done. Bob also said the culvert crossing Deer Drive needs to be increased. This will be considered when discussing next**

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* **Roads Continued: year’s budget. Bob also stated that the canopy covering the roads needs to be addressed. With all the rain we’ve had there are places where the sun can’t even get through. Bob feels this needs to be done this year it’s so bad. Someone with a bucket truck would be needed to reach the canopy. Clairmont will be coming the following Monday to pave the end of Fox Drive. Bob feels the commissioners need to go to a Selectmen’s meeting with a list of the things that need to be fixed on the roads. The drains on Beach 3 haven’t been cleaned at all this year. They are so covered you can’t even see them.**
* **Treasurer’s Report: Janice transferred $40,000 to cover payment of the roads, Capital Reserve, and the bond payment. Janice also bought ink and paper. Janice has a receipt from Dave for signs and a couple of invoices from Nutter. Janice started using Excel and feels the print out is easier to understand. The insurance was budgeted for $1200 and the payment was $1479.00. The budget next year will need to be increased a bit. We will probably have to use our emergency fund because of all the work that has been done on the roads. The insurance will not cover any of the damage caused by the beaver dam. They don’t cover dirt roads or culverts. We’re covered for the District Building and liability. All bank statements and invoices were signed by the Commissioners.**

**Operating Budget: $ 7,697.06**

**General Fund: $117,742.09**

 **Treasurer’s Report was accepted and seconded.**

* **Open Forum: The bushes in the front of the district were taken out by Mike Doane. Paul, Linda Annuziato, her sister and niece came and put in hosta and fresh mulch. The building looks much neater. This was much appreciated.**

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* **Open Forum Continued: The Commissioners went to the Town Planning Board Meeting to talk about residents storing travel trailers on their property. The District will be put on a warrant article and our rules will be the same as the towns. Residents with a registered trailer will be able to store them on their property. You can’t live in it and it can’t be hooked up to your septic system, but you can store it on your property.**

**The property next to be Beach 4 has a tent on the weekends and a question was asked about their bathroom facilities. This is one of the properties that is grandfathered in and can put a trailer on the property.**

**A person spoke about the beaver dam and was very upset that the Commissioners’ were blaming the property owner for the damage done to property and the roads. She was informed by the Commissioners that the letter sent to the owner only informed him of what the state offers for help for people with beaver dams on their property. It turns out all the hate that was generated was, of course, on Facebook, not the District or the Commissioners. There are ways that Fish and Games can help owners with Beaver Dams on their property to regulate the flow of water.**

**Bob was thanked for the work he did on Orange Avenue this week. Also the work he did on Laurel Avenue.**

**A person also would like The Pledge of Allegiance said at the beginning of each meeting. He was told that he could lead us at the next meeting with the pledge.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM. This was accepted and seconded.**

 **Paula Adams**

 **Clerk**