

**Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**October 5, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

President John Johnson called the meeting of the Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company Board of Directors to order at 4:02 PM on October 5, 2020 via video-conference.

**Roll call and establish quorum- Bob Barnett**

Directors Present: Johnson, Stepner, Thys, Barnett, and Lintner

Directors Absent: None

A quorum was established

Also on the call were Office Manager Daniel Collin, Brandon Burks, Chief Allen Riley, and recording secretary Judy Friedman.

**Call for Public Comment**

Friedman reported her contract with Placer County as Temporary Assistant Field Aide to Supervisor Gustafson has been extended to December 31, 2020.

**Fire Chief Report**

Olympic Valley Fire Chief Allen Riley described the current operations and staffing and the mutual aid offered both locally and throughout California. New homes, those with more than a 51% remodel, or adding at least 20% square footage, are required to include a sprinkler system. Riley has met with Shaw Engineering and is confident SVMWC system can handle those requirements and hydrant fire flows, per California code.

Riley would prefer to see maintenance done on the SVMWC system in the spring, when there is less of a chance of wildfires. He recommended keeping the water tanks as least half-full and full as much as possible in case the fire department needs to the water.

Barnett asked how a fire in Squaw would be addressed. Riley explained that fire tends to run uphill. The goal for a fire outside of the valley would be to keep it from coming up and over the hill. It would be fought mainly with aircraft and patrolling resources would be used to address spot fires. A bigger concern is a fire starting inside the valley or along the river, such as a campfire or deck fire, which would run uphill.

Discussion followed as Riley clarified how hydrants would be used to address structure fires. Overall, the Mutual's system is adequate for most situations, assuming the tanks are at least half-full. Johnson noted that when an owner builds or remodels, they pay connection fees for sprinklers. It may be prudent to replace the mains at the same time and have the owners bear the cost. The additional benefit to the owner is leaks could be identified through the meter.

**Call for Agenda Additions**

There were no changes to today's agenda.

**Adopt the Agenda**

**It was moved by Lintner and seconded by Stepner to adopt today's agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of the Minutes from the September 6, 2020 Board meetings.**

**It was moved by Stepner and seconded by Barnett to approve the minutes of the two Board meetings held on September 6, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Operation & Maintenance Report**

Burks reported water production was higher this September than in past years, maybe because it was a bit warmer and there were a lot of people in the area. There was a tank failure on September 20 related to Verizon, but it has been addressed.

Burks works with Chief Riley regularly. If there is a problem in the system, Burks lets the fire department know so their maps are always up-to-date. A brief discussion followed regarding the response to a structure fire a few years ago.

Burks is working with the SVMWC engineers and contractors on projects so at least one well is operational at any one time.

### **Office Managers Report**

Collin reported the backflow reports are coming in. Most of the missing ones have provided a schedule of when their tests will be done.

Because of an issue with McClintock Accountancy, the audit has been delayed.

Collin did a lot of work getting USDA the first outlay report of approximately \$103,000. After receiving USDA approval, the work with CoBank can be completed. There was a discussion about how USDA payments will coordinate with CoBank.

Collin reported the insurance has paid for the auto claim.

The budget-to-actual report was reviewed.

### **Treasurers Report**

Stepner presented the 30-Sep-20 financial reports. He asked the Board to consider funding some of the work being done this year from cash on hand rather than borrowing funds. The interest on the loan would be saved, but it would deplete the "rainy day" fund. No decision was made.

### **Construction Schedule for 2020/2021: 2021 Construction Budget Discussion**

Johnson reported on the pre-construction meeting, which was attended by SVSH. The projects were reviewed and the sections of the parking lot needed for equipment and the storage tanks were called out. Well 2 will be done first. It should take two weeks per well. All the contracts are signed and the Certificates of Insurance have been received.

Johnson and Burks are reviewing the SCADA system and will make a presentation to this Board at the next meeting.

The FY 2020/21 schedule in the 20 Year Improvement Plan calls for \$1.295 million in work in 2021 and 2022. Johnson asked the Board to consider moving the construction schedule up. Barnett suggested sticking to the original plan because of some many unknowns including COVID. A brief discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of accelerating the construction schedule.

Johnson will ask Shaw to bid #11, 12, and 13 on Plan as a package.

### **SVMWC Name Change to Olympic Valley Mutual Water Company**

Johnson noted SVPSD changed its name to Olympic Valley PSD. SVMWC needs to consider what to do and when. There could be a substantial cost to change the name on deeds and easements. Stepner suggested the official name could be changed, but a dba could be used. It was agreed that Johnson will talk to the Mutual's counsel about what would be involved in the change.

**It was moved by Barnett and seconded by Lintner to reserve the domain names for Olympic Valley Mutual Water and Olympic Valley Mutual Water Company. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Future Meetings:**

**December 14, 2020 at 4PM**

**February 1, 2021 at 4PM**

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Friedman

Recording Secretary

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