# WATERVILLE ESTATES VILLAGE DISTRICT

## January 18, 2020 APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

**Approved as presented on January 31, 2020.**

**Attendees:** Judy Kinney, Matt Smith, Sean Tole, Andy Griffiths, Art Marks, Corey Smith, Karen

**Waters Guests:** Thomas Clarke, Harry Bertino, Stan Bujarlski, Jim Murphy, John Herlihy, Steve

**Waters Called to order:** Mr. Marks at 8:06 AM.

**Review and approval of Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Griffiths made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of January 11, 2020 with no amendments, Mr. Tole seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Griffiths made a motion to remove Ted Kunz from all WEVD bank accounts and add Karen Waters, Mr. Tole seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Review draft Warrant Articles:**

**Warrant Article 1**

To choose one commissioner for the three year-term, Moderator for a two-year term, Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

**Warrant Article 2**

To see if the Village District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and no cents ($1,347,272) for general municipal operations with an off set of Eighty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars ($ 84,694) from unassigned fun balance. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Note: Per Mr. C. Smith, the amount "raised" will be the appropriation minus the offset. Per Mr. M. Smith, the tax impact is $1,262,578 or approximately $12.63 per $1000.

Mr. Tole made a motion to add the statement that "commissioner recommended", Mr. Griffiths seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Warrant Article 3**

To see if the Village District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-One Dollars ($380,651) for the interdepartmental water department operations. With an off set of One Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars ($105,664) from water fee.

Note: Per Mr. C. Smith, the amount "raised" will be the appropriation minus the offset. Per Mr. M. Smith, the tax impact is $274,987 or approximately $2.75 per $1000.

Mr. Griffiths made a motion to add the statement that "commissioner recommended", Mr. Tole seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Special Warrant Article 4**

To see if the Village District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Three Dollars ($96,543) for a new maintenance truck.
Ms. Kinney stated that the attorney said change "for a" with "for the purchase of". Mr. C. Smith stated that the warrant should read plow truck. The amended article now reads as follows.

To see if the Village District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Three Dollars ($96,543) for the purpose of a new plow truck.

Note: Per Mr. M. Smith, the tax impact is $96,543 or approximately $0.97 per $1000.

Mr. Tole made a motion to add the statement that "commissioner recommended", Mr. Griffiths seconded, motion passed unanimously.

****Special Warrant Article 5**

To see if the Village District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) For purchasing a new back hoe. This article is non-lapsing until 12/31/2024. This special article is a special warrant article per RAS 32:7 V.

** _Waiting to hear back from Michelle (DRA) do we put the full amount $100,000 and have it as a non lapsing or do we do $20,000 each year as a warrant Article.

Note: Per Mr. C. Smith, the price includes a credit of for the trade in of the old backhoe. Per Mr. M. Smith, the tax impact is $100,000 or approximately $1 per $1000. Ms. Kinney is checking with DRA to see how the warrant article should read to notify the voters of the impact of the trade in.

Mr. Tole made a motion to amend the warrant article as follows, Mr. Griffiths seconded, motion passed unanimously.

To see if the Village District will vote to authorize the Commission to enter into a lease agreement, with a non-appropriation clause, for the purchase of a new backhoe, for the total amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000), and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand ($20,000) for the first year installment payment. Majority vote, Commissioner recommended.

**New Business:**

**Electrical Upgrade:** Mr. Griffiths provided a status update about a less expensive fix for the ski bowl pump house. The estimate of $2k was only for the ski bowl pump house. Approximately $25k was always going to be required for the main service whether we did a small fix or a more comprehensive fix at the ski bowl pump
house. Mr. C. Smith had a conversation with the state inspector who said two meters is not a violation of code if one meter is single phase and the other is three phase. Service from pole to the shack will be 400 amp. From there to the ski bowl pump house will be 400-amp wire to a 200-amp service out of an 800-amp panel. Mr. Marks, asked to go on the record that the commissioners authorized the work because they felt that there was a safety issue. There was a code issue that did needed to be resolved to prevent excess wear on the equipment and a future failure that could not be anticipated. Mr. Griffiths stated that the WEA BOD wants a guarantee that they can use electricity for snow from now on if they invest in the electrical upgrade. Mr. M. Smith pointed out that the district commissioners can't make any guarantees

because voters have their say at every annual meeting. Mr. M. Smith pointed out that the December 6th, 2019 authorization not to exceed $60k was for electrical upgrade and the authorization to use water for snowmaking, for the current ski season, was made at the January 11, 2020 meeting contingent on the WEA BOD contributing to the electrical upgrade. Such that if the WEA BOD decided not to contribute to the electrical upgrade the commissioners would have to re- authorize the use of water for snowmaking in another meeting.

**Guest Business:**

**Conflict between Thornton and WEVD annual meeting date:** Mr. Bujarlski expressed that he would like to be able to attend both. Mr. M. Smith pointed out that towns are required to hold their meetings on a certain date and said he would forward the statute to him with a copy to Mr. Bertino.

**Set next meeting:** Saturday, February 1st, 2020, time TBD.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Marks motioned to enter executive session at 10:14 PM to matters affecting reputation. Mr. Toles seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive session was adjourned at 10:51 AM and Mr. Tole made a motion to seal the executive session meeting minutes, Mr. Griffiths seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Tole motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Griffiths seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 10:52 PM.