

Commission of Public Works meeting, April 22, 2024  
Regular monthly business.

Commissioners present:                   Trey Stephens, Donnie Cooper, Roy Shaw and Gerald McMurray

Employees present:                        Danny Lowe, Ken Phillips and Christy Lowe

Visitors present:                         Mike Kellems, Deborah Peek, Judy Graham-Dowd, Carter Rhine and Tom Palm

Place:                                        New Ellenton Commission of Public Works  
100 South Main Street  
New Ellenton, SC 29809

Time:   7:00 PM

Chairman Mr. Trey Stephens presiding.

Mr. Trey Stephens opens with the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Phillips said the prayer.

Mr. Trey Stephens welcomes everyone and asks that he or she state their name for the record.

Mr. Trey Stephens opened the floor to guest comments and questions.

Debbie Peek with Oak Hill Water System requested to set up a schedule with one of the employees of NECPW to do blow offs. Danny stated he would get it taken care of. Miss Peek asked if CPW would like a master lay out of Oak Hill map. Danny told her yes we would take a copy of it for our records. Debbie stated about 1/3 of the lead and copper study has been received back from customers.

Mr. Trey Stephens states that approving the Financial Report for March 2024 is on the agenda and asks for a motion and a second. After discussion, Vice Chairman Donnie Copper made a motion to accept the Financial Report; it was seconded by Commissioner Gerald McMurray and carried.

Chairman Trey Stephens states that approving the minutes for March 25, 2024 is on the agenda and asks for a motion and a second. Commissioner Roy Shaw made a motion to accept the Minutes as written; it was seconded by Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper and carried.

Mr. Trey Stephens asks for any questions or comments. (none)

## OLD BUSINESS

Director Danny Lowe reported that the project for Chime Bell Church Rd. went out for bid on April 10<sup>th</sup> and bid opening is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>. The bids for Club Drive and Florida/Fern Ave should be going out for bid soon.

Danny Lowe reported that a cargo container has been purchased and placed at the Darlington Well site for additional storage and some of the inventory that was downstairs has been moved to the container.

Mr. Lowe stated that a developer has submitted plans for approximately 124 homes/apartments to be built across the street from KJ's shopping center.

Danny Lowe reported the water loss was 8.1% for the month of March.

Ken Phillips, the Operations and Maintenance Supervisor, gave an update of field activities for March.

Mr. Trey Stephens asks is there any more old business. (none)

## NEW BUSINESS

Danny Lowe reported that RIA has requested a copy of our most recent audit.

Danny stated he met with Tim Miles concerning the well on Dry Branch Rd. to get a quote on inspecting it. After discussion, Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper made a motion to approve inspection of the well on Dry Branch Rd. for \$11,450.00; it was seconded by Commissioner Roy Shaw and carried.


Danny Lowe reported to the Commissioners that he spoke with Ameris Bank about taking out a loan for approximately \$800,000.00 to make up the difference in the amount it is going to cost to add another water tower to the system. Mr. Lowe stated for this reason, it is his recommendation that we look at increasing the water rates. Chairman Trey Stephens stated that he would like to do a Rate Study before we discuss going up on rates. Christy Lowe will look into doing a rate study through Publiq.

Danny stated there will be a valve at Talatha Church Rd. and Whiskey Rd. cut in.

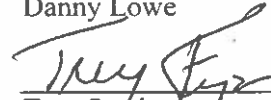
Trey Stephens requested to go ahead and look at getting a quote for updating the electrical downstairs. Roy Shaw stated he has a few names he can give Danny.

Donnie Cooper made a motion to adjourn; Roy Shaw seconds, all vote, so moved.

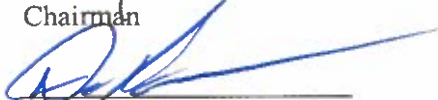
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Danny Lowe

  
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Trey Stephens  
Chairman

  
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Donnie Cooper  
Vice Chairman

*Didn't attend*

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Jackie Keenan  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Gerald McMurray  
Commissioner

  
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Roy Shaw  
Commissioner