

Commission of Public Works meeting, October 24, 2022
Regular monthly business.

Commissioners present: Trey Stephens, Donnie Cooper, Mike Kellems and Roy Shaw

Employees present: Danny Lowe, Ken Phillips and Christy Lowe

Visitors present: Larry Halicki, Carl Culpepper, Kelsie Bolen, Michele Springsteen, Tom Springsteen and Carter Rhine

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.

Tom Springsteen asked about the PRV pit for The Pines. Danny Lowe stated that our engineers are working on the documents for the developer.

Michele Springsteen asked about where Phase 6 of the Pines is and had it been approved. Mr. Lowe stated that Keystone has not been given a Willingness to Serve yet on Phase 6 but has been discussed with the developer pending the agreement for them to pay for the PRV pit being installed.

Carter Rhine asked about the Willingness to Serve that has already been issued for The Pines. Danny Lowe stated that was for Phase 5 of The Pines. The subdivision at Summit & Old Whiskey was mentioned as well and Mr. Lowe stated that CPW has been approached about a Willingness to Serve but the developer have not been given one yet.

Larry Halicki asked about the number of water leaks in Cedar Creek this year versus last year.

Mr. Trey Stephens states that approving the Financial Report for September 2022 is on the agenda and asks for a motion and a second. After discussion, Commissioner Mike Kellems made a motion to accept the Financial Report; it was seconded by Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper and carried.

Chairman Trey Stephens states that approving the minutes for September 26, 2022 is on the agenda and asks for a motion and a second. Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper made a motion to accept the Minutes as written; it was seconded by Commissioner Roy Shaw and carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

C&B Roofing has been scheduled to start the roof repairs at the Boatner pumphouse.

Danny Lowe reported that water loss was at 9% for the month of September.

Mr. Lowe reported that the mapping of the system is 95% complete.

Commissioner Mike Kellems asked Danny if the guy he mentioned at last months meeting was able to come look at the Dry Branch pumphouse. Mr. Lowe stated that he spoke with Buck and he is going to try to come out soon to take a look at it. Danny also informed the Commissioners that the generator started up at the Boatner Ave. well and would like to get an electrician to see what it would take to get it back up and running again.

Danny Lowe reported that the office parking lot has been completed and just needs to be striped.

Chairman Trey Stephens asked where we stand with the First Net Program with AT&T. Mr. Lowe stated that we have the equipment and the AT&T representative is scheduled to come next Thursday to set everything up. The work order software has been installed and the office employees have been training on it the last few weeks in preparation to go live as soon as the equipment and mapping system is set up.

Mr. Lowe stated that all of the conference room furniture has been delivered. The carpet for the conference room has been ordered and waiting on it to come in. Once the carpet has been installed, the furniture will be set up.

Chairman Trey Stephens asked Danny if he had been able to get a quote from an outside company to do fire hydrant testing. Mr. Lowe stated that he had not gotten one yet. Commissioner Mike Kellems remembered that he was supposed to send Danny an email after last months meeting from someone that may be able to do it, so he would follow up with Danny on it.

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

Commissioner Mike Kellems asked if the engineer was still working on the Developers Policy Manual. He also has an easement document for the property owner at Cedar Creek to sign in order to install the PRV pit for Cedar Creek/The Pines.

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

NEW BUSINESS

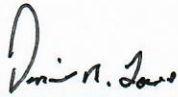
Danny Lowe reported that he met with the engineers to discuss a preliminary report for future projects and possibly starting the process of applying for a USDA Bond to fund projects as it takes about 2 years

to get approved & finalized. Mr. Lowe stated we already know we need to another water tank and there are other lines in the system needed to be replaced that are not included in the grant that we applied for. After discussion with the Commissioners, all agreed this is something that we need to pursue after the first of the year and once we find out how much we will receive from the grant.

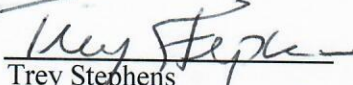
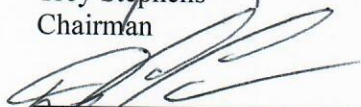
Office Manager Christy Lowe informed the Commissioners of a merger that has taken place with Publiq and a company named Springbrook. Springbrook performed a demo for Christy and will be sending a quote on the cost to switch. Christy informed the company that we have a MOU with the City of New Ellenton so any decisions made we would need to get their input as well. At this point, we can choose to stay with Publiq if we want to so will wait and see the quote for Springbrook.

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

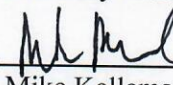
Attested by,




Director
Danny Lowe


Trey Stephens
Chairman
Donnie Cooper
Vice Chairman

Jackie Keenan
Secretary-Treasurer



Mike Kellems
Commissioner


Roy Shaw
Commissioner