

PHOENICIA WATER COMMITTEE 3.27.26

In Attendance:

Kathryn Haber

Aglaia Kilb

Joe Michaels

Phil Garraffa

Kathryn makes a motion to approve minutes from last month and today's agenda. Joe seconds All approve.

Meeting starts at 9:07

Kyle isn't able to make it to this meeting so the committee is going over the SOP that Kyle sent in the beginning of the week.

The number of people served (in SOP) needs to be more specific, instead of "under 1,000". The number of service connections is more specific. This might be helpful for funding.

The committee goes over what a capital item would be vs a recurring item for funding. Robert Drake mentioned that "CDBG infrastructure grant (Community Development Block Grant) is something that might be available for capital items.

The committee thinks about grant writing and people who may be able to provide help if need be. Kathryn wants to identify sources of money to understand what type of help, if any, we might need for grant writing or if it would be a more straightforward endeavor.

Kathryn discusses the live document that she made for Kyle that he can put any item that needs funding on so that we can understand what type of funding is needed for these items.

Engineer is empty on the SOP, the committee will ask who the current engineer is.

Kathryn is wondering about the pump rates and backup pump rates as they are different. The pumps should be higher than 100, but all three are under 100. The committee will ask Kyle to clarify. The pumps will be replaced with the pumps that were ordered and need to be picked up.

One funding thing that has been identified is a storage facility.

There was a report done on what needed to be done with our water tower in ~2014, Phil is unsure if anything was ever done after said report. Phil does not think that the tower has been drained in the time it has been working. The committee thinks that it might be good to create a water tower cleaning protocol. There is a drain at the bottom that should be being flushed. The committee wants to know if that is happening. Kathryn also wants to know if there is testing for the water coming out of the water tower. The SOP does mention that the water tower should be

maintained and cleaned annually. There would be logistical issues to think about with keeping water to the town while servicing the water tower.

Before our next meeting, the committee thinks that we should have a tour of the water plant to see what the current situation is.

The committee wants to know how much Kyle spends on regular maintenance so we can deduct from the overall budget. Phil wonders if the budget rolls over into the next year or if it's a "use it or lose it" sort of budget. If there is budget available, the committee would like it to be used.

Joe makes the motion to adjourn the meeting, Kathryn seconds. All approve.