

**AMWC Board Meeting
October 18, 2007**

[Note: The Board meeting was preceded by a discussion with Kathe Barton, a Registered Environmental Health Specialist for the Inyo County Health Services Department. Kathe provides requisite County oversight of the AMWC water system. A summary of that discussion follows the Board meeting minutes.]

The Board meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. on October 18, 2007

Members present: Lewis McConnell, Paula Coombes, Joanne Schneider, Ken Kuencer (Fire Chief)

Minutes of July 3, 2007 Board meeting: Joanne Schneider advised that since Paula Coombes had not been present at the July 3, 2007 Board meeting, it would be inappropriate for the Board members assembled to take action on the minutes of the meeting. Consideration of the minutes was postponed.

Treasurer's Report: Joanne Schneider reviewed the typewritten report prepared by Bob Tomko.

Fire Chief's Report: Ken Kuencer reported on the repair of the International engine brakes and repairs necessary to address a couple of leaks due to sudden freezing weather. Ken advised that the Crown is in good working order.

OLD BUSINESS

Delinquent bills: Lew reported that all but one AMWC member are paying their assessments. Two other members are delinquent but are on payment plans.

Dumpsters: Ken reported that he had called to request that the second dumpster be removed for the season. He also indicated that Bob Tomko is investigating the costs of a roll-off dumpster to be used for leaves/pine needles in the spring and fall.

Fire Engine Operational Video: Ken reported that an operational video showing the basics for the Crown engine is being prepared with the help of Jim Blankinship. The first edit is expected by Thanksgiving. When ready, a DVD copy will be distributed to all the members.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation from the Wilhelms: Lew reported that the Wilhelms donated \$500 toward the new hydrant on Cataract Rd. in memory of Gayle Truxler, who passed away earlier

this year. Lew made the motion that a plaque be placed on the hydrant in memory of Gayle; Paula seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Independent System Assessment: Lew advised that the Board will be developing a scope for the assessment over the next few months. He asked that suggestions re the assessment be submitted in writing to him or to Joanne.

South Fork Interest in Joining the Fire Department: Lew reviewed the siren arrangements that would be made upon South Fork joining the Fire Department. He advised that the Board would work with the AMWC attorney to draw up an appropriate contract and noted that the South Fork residents would pay the same fire protection assessment as Aspendell Tract 1 and 3 property owners. Bill Donaldson asked whether members would have an opportunity to review the contract before it becomes effective. He also expressed concern about the possible insurance implications of a contract with South Fork for fire protection. Lorin Soderwall asked about the AMWC Articles of Incorporation and whether including South Fork would be allowable. Lew advised that these matters would be reviewed with the attorney.

Survey of Firehouse Property: Ken Kuencer (who is a retired surveyor) reported that he and another surveyor friend will provide a topographic survey of the firehouse property *pro bono*. This would provide the basic data needed for a drawing if and when the decision is made to proceed with plans for a new firehouse.

New Line on White Pine: Lew advised that the Board had accepted the bid from R&G plumbing. Lew has obtained the requisite encroachment permit and the contract with R&G. The work will include a new hydrant at the cul-de-sac that will serve also as a flush valve. It is hoped that R&G will be able to start work by the end of the week following this meeting.

Replacing Fire Hydrants: Lew reported that the Board had accepted the bid from Kendall Engineering to replace the hydrants on Cataract and Iris. The hydrants will be new.

October Maintenance: Lew reviewed that status of water system maintenance activities. He noted that there is a maintenance list over the desk in the firehouse. Dave Tanksley suggested that Bob Given of R&G Plumbing might be able to obtain a ground-penetrating radar device from Mammoth Water District. This device might be used to locate that valve at the end of Brook Lane.

Bill Donaldson noted that use of the Tract 2 reservoir would require coordination with Tract 2. He suggested that it should be considered a back-up only with engineering evaluation and coordination. Lew confirmed the need to have a plan/coordination and noted that the reservoir would be needed only in severe emergency conditions.

Adjournment: Joanne made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Paula seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Joanne Schneider
Secretary