

**Approved Minutes East Berkshire Fire District 1 Regular Meeting  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:30pm  
Berkshire Town Hall**

Attendees: Board members Hildy Jamka, Bonnie Stowe, Andrew Hoadley.  
Treasurer: Samantha Elwood

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

1. Recognition of visitors ( No visitors present)
2. Review and approve unapproved meeting minutes from February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - Hildy Jamka moved to accept as presented, Bonnie Stowe 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed unanimously.
3. Treasurers report
  - Hildy Jamka moved to accept as presented, Bonnie Stowe 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed unanimously.
    - a. Accounts Payable
      - i. Current
        1. Brookfield Service \$428.00
        2. Badger Meter \$3.90
        3. Verizon \$38.54
        4. VT Elec \$78.38
        5. USDA Grant \$12,718.00
        6. Lawyers Lawn Care \$910.00
        7. DWGWP \$64.30
        8. VLTC \$357.75
        9. SOS \$2553.00
        10. VT Rural \$250.00
        11. A. Hoadley ReImb \$2101.37
      - ii. VT Bond Bank and other outstanding accounts payable
        1. VT Bond Bank 01/01/22 Payment made. \$16,024.19 last month
        2. Manosh \$5200.49
        3. Deroches \$2831.36
        4. Sullivan, Powers & Co \$11641.26
    - b. Accounts Receivable
      - i. Past due to date - \$24,009.00
4. Revise proposed Budget and discuss bringing to the public district members vote.
  - Discussion
  - Hildy made the motion to add ARPA funding to 2022 actuals, adjust Road Repair/Escava-tion from \$3500 to \$2000, adjust property tax from \$1300 to \$1450 and VLCT insurance from \$1000 to \$1450 and accept amended proposed budget to present to the district mem-bers for approval. Bonnie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Discuss setting Rates
  - Discussion
  - Bonnie made the motion to leave base rates and quarterly usage at 12000 gal/qtr the same but cut the cost of overages to \$25/1000 gallons. Hildy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Appoint a clerk
  - Discussion
  - Hildy made the motion to appoint Samantha Elwood as committee clerk. Andy 2<sup>nd</sup> the mo-tion. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Board, Discuss appointing two members or change to three-member board.
  - Discussion

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- Andy made the motion to table this until May meeting and determine if there are other members who are motivated to join the board. Hildy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Review Grant applications and their status.
    - Discussion concerning status of the five grants in our queue. No action taken.
  9. Review status of Campus group, (EPA) Kathy Martel.
    - Discussion. No action taken.
  10. Exploration of alternate water source status
    - Discussion. No action taken.
  11. 2018, 2019 Audit Status
    - Discussion. No action taken.
  12. Other business
    - Congressional Directed Spending Request for 2024
      - Andy made the motion to submit request to Rep. Balint and Sen. Sanders for \$5k for the East Berkshire Fire District #1 Water Source to meet Capacity needs project. Hildy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
    - Special meeting to present and vote on proposed budget to members.
      - Andy made the motion to warn and have a special meeting of the district to propose and have the members vote on revised budget on 6:30pm of March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Berkshire town hall. Hildy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
    - USDA 2022 audit request
      - Discussion. Andy to follow up with Barbara Petrie. No Action Taken.
  13. Adjourn
    - Bonnie made the motion to adjourn at 8:52pm. Hildy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023