

# Unofficial Minutes of HPU Meeting (Virtual by Phone)

## 13 April 2021

### In attendance:

- Bill Edsall (Chair)
- John Dodson
- Tom Ossa (Secretary)
- John Willis (Treasurer)
- John Doyle
- Randolph Horner

### Guests:

- John Organek
- COL (R) Fred Meurer

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### Agenda:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call
- Approve minutes from previous meeting
- Reports:
  - Treasurer John Willis: No inflows or outflows.
  - Need for Audit is Important for HPU to be fully compliant. Extensive discussion determined Tom O will contact the CPA that has given a price of \$1,000, which appears high for our present simple financial status. Parallel search for a cheaper service will be sought, but quick action is needed for 30 May deadline.
- Tom Ossa Elected as Official Secretary/IT Provider
- Engineer Dodson Reported on possible visit and understanding of the role of Matt Ludwig, District Engineer Rep for this region of NY, key Corps representative for any larger future project at West Point. Matt did not make it, but will be invited again
- OEA Grant of \$400,00 being administered by the Orange County Planning Director
- Introduction of COL (R) Fred Meurer, expert consultant on Army/Community utilities
- Local Government Reports by Engineer

### Discussion:

- Comments by Chairman Edsall & Engineer Dodson of the Grant Opportunity that carries serious responsibilities for performance that the Board must recognize if the HPU is to compete.
  - Introduction by Engineer outlining the Monterey Miracle and reputation, followed by impressive remarks by COL Fred Meurer on his extensive experience as a Facility Engineer, City Manager of Monterey, subsequent work as a nation-wide consultant for DoD on joint community utilities.
  - Re- Introduction of John Organek
    - 10 years in the Pentagon, Army Corps Officer, extensive Korean experience in construction management, financial time, Consultant for critical energy Infrastructure
  - Extensive discussion of the Grant possibilities with COL Meurer and Board
  - Review of utility input from Village & Town Boards - Brian Aylward & Rich Sullivan input tabled
  - "Highly productive meeting" adjourned at 1934 hrs.
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**Action Items:**

- Follow up immediately with CPA - **TOM**
- Need list (or link to website) of state mandates that we need to be compliant with. **JOHN DOYLE**
- Need resolutions for Town & Village created *again* - **Bill, John Doyle, John Dodson**

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**Meeting adjourned at 07:34 pm**

**Next Meeting: 05/11/21**

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Responses:

Bill Edsall

- Emails are a pain. Difficult to follow up at end of day.
- US Gov't complexities
- Core function needs to be reestablished, for credibility.

John Dodson

- Some of the malaise had to do with who was on Town/Village Board.
- Right now, we are in a good place with local Gov't.
- Cell tower would be cool.

John Willis

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Randolph

- Snatch big turbine, still at powerhouse
- Substituted temporary doors