

LXIII – High-Point Utility (HPU) LDC – Unofficial Minutes 18 May 2021

& Virtual at Cliff Haus In Highland Falls, NY

In attendance:

- John Willis (Treasurer)
- Secretary Tom Ossa (V)
- John Dodson
- Randolph Horner

Guests:

- John Organek (V)
- COL (R) Fred Meurer(V)
- Army Corps Chris Reinhart
- County Planner Alan Sorensen (V)
- Joe DeWitt, Mayoral Candidate

Agenda:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call
- Approve minutes from previous meeting
- Reports:
 - Treasurer John Willis: No inflows or outflows. Audit has been authorized after our Eng provided a Narrative of the HPU and negotiated a lowered price (\$700). This is the last remaining item for full compliance to the State of New York
- Remarks by Army Corps District Manager of Military Programs, Chris Reinhart was quite informative. He is now based at West Point but runs programs throughout the NY District and into Canada and New England in some instances. Randolph Horner engaged Mr. Reinhart extensively as the meeting proceeded with Alan Sorensen in Goshen concerning the RFP for the disposition of the \$400,000 grant for how the community can become helpful in establishing greater energy resilience for West Point. County Lawyers are still reviewing the RFP for release in early June.
- Local Government Reports by Engineer from Brian Aylward & Rich Sullivan. Remaining streets to be torn up for the work on the gas system locally was highlighted. Mayor Joe says he wants to get them to re-pave streets affected. Also said upgraded cell service was going forward. Petitions to merge local police force may be gathering steam. Mayor under high stress from 7 indictments reported. Major Board changes possible.

Discussion:

Group discussion continued until quite late as the beer was available and former Mayor Pat Flynn had said he wanted to join the meeting, but he was delayed by coaching duties and the meeting was finally adjourned at 2030 hrs.

Action Items:

- Certain that Audit is completed – **Tom Ossa, John Dodson**
 - Still 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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Next Meeting: 06/08/21

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Former 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