

**Lost Lake Utility District Special Meeting
404 Lake Court, Dixon Illinois
March 4, 2008**

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Joe Olliges called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustees present: Joe Olliges, Bill Weronko, Jerry Pohlman, George Kersten, Ron Berger, Nadine Portner, and Dave Shaw. Also present: Sheila Warner, Treasurer; Susan Steffens, Secretary; and members of the community.

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. **Approval of the Agenda:** Joe requested the agenda be amended to add an Executive Session after guest and public opinion (5 ILCS 120/2 (c1)). Nadine made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Dave seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (3-4-08-1).

- IV. **Old Business:** Nadine brought before the Board an update regarding Attorney Mike Scheurich's legal costs. After speaking with him, he stated he did not want to meet and discuss the bill. Nadine made a motion pay \$1413.00 to the attorney for only services rendered in regards to the formation of the district. Joe seconded the motion. Discussion was held by the Board. Ron felt the total amount should be rounded to \$1400.00. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (3-4-08-2).

- V. **New Business: (READ INTO RECORD first reading)** An Ordinance concerning adoption of the combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2008 in the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Illinois. Ordinance No. 01-08. 1. That the Lost Lake Utility District hereby adopts its combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2008, the budget and appropriation statement set out in Exhibit A, which is attached and incorporated herein. 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law. Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County Illinois and approved by the Chairman of said District this __ day of April, 2008.

Public Notice is given and will be printed in Ogle County Life Newspaper on Monday, March 10, 2008 regarding the fiscal budget starting January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008 will be available at 404 Lake Court. A public hearing will be held on the adoption of the proposed combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance at 404 Lake Court, Dixon on April 15, 2008 at 7:00 pm. The tentative budget will be in the office at 106 Woodland Drive, Dixon.

Sheila read and explained the attached proposed budget.

Discussion was held by the Board. A hearing to pass budget will be held on April 15, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Guest/Public Opinion

Crystal Pohlman: budget comment: The removal of a grinder pump cost the POA cost \$102. You may want to allow a little more money. Also since I have been with the POA there has been only one time when we had to pay for the repair of a pump. **A. Policy and procedures need to be set up in regards to the grinder pumps. There is a line item in the budget so it can be adjusted. Considerations on all pumps have to be discussed.**

Mike Robinson: Q. There was a vote to give \$1400 to Attorney Schuerich, will that satisfy him. **A. We will find out. His (Attorney Schuerich) quote, "I don't want to spend any more time or money chasing down some reduced rate."** Q. There are some people in the community who feel he should not get any money. **A. Some of those people are on this Board. We are paying him on the advice of our counsel.** Q. When you pay someone something you are acknowledging you owe him something. **A. \$1400**

Q. How did you budget a cost of \$5000.00 in Postage? **A. By counting accounts multiplying mailings. We also have ILRWA's data in regards to costs.**

Q. Is there a goal to try to take sewer income to pay sewer expenses? **A. No.**

Q. What are services to maintain the water system? **A. That is for main breaks and repairs.**

Q. In the budget, there is a remote operator expense in water and sewer? **A. The water won't continue when we hire an operator. The sewer will continue until the operator is certified.**

Q. The Water District needs a permit? **A. Yes**

Q. 150 water meters don't read? **A. Yes**

Q. What is the Water Pump pulling, is that to inspect it? **A. Yes. It is usually done every ten years.**

Tom Wendling: comment: It is important to breakdown water and sewer expenses in budget separately to keep track of individual account expenses.

Q. Water and street repair in under water and sewer. **A. There is roadway to the water tower and wastewater treatment plant.**

Recess into EXECUTIVE SESSION: Joe made a motion to adjourn into executive session. Dave seconded the motion (3-4-08-3).

VI. **Adjournment:** Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (3-5-08-5). The meeting ended at 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be March 18, 2008 at 7:00pm.

3-4-08-1 Approval of the Agenda

3-4-08-2 Approval to pay Attorney Schuerich

3-4-08-3 Approval to go into Executive Session

3-4-08-4 Approval to adjourn Executive Session

3-4-08-5 Approval to adjourn Special Meeting