## High Valley Water Company Minutes August 23, 2022

Board Members present: Scott Houston Meghan Newsome Dave Maurer

Bryce Sacks Justin Rametta

Staff Members present : Karen Sawyer Andy Oyler

Shareholders present: Bob Martin Leslie Masters Pat Kelley

Meeting opened at 7:05p.m.by Karen Sawyer

Minutes from July 2022 meeting read and approved Financial statements from July 2022 reviewed and approved

Andy told us of a leak on Snowview Saturday that he repaired. It was a saddle on the meter. He then told us that Sunrise Engineering got him set up with the Cloudsmart program on his phone so he has gps locations and information on all the meters. He also mentioned that the valve on the new meter in the Mountain Regional vault is difficult to adjust and he has been having difficulty getting it dialed in exactly to where he needs it.

Karen told the board that she was finally able to get the UEI # needed by the State to distribute the loan. Now she will start working on the Surety Bond.

Karen and Bryce presented the board with the idea to retro fit all the meters with a part to convert from the radio read to cell tower reads. Meter reading could then be done remotely, eliminating the drive by of each meter. It could be done at any time. It would also allow all homeowners to access the app "Eye on Water" so they could easily track their usage and detect leaks more rapidly. Everyone thought this was a good idea and would be a great improvement to our water system. Water is such a precious resource we felt this would go a long way to reducing our wasted water. The cost for parts and software set up is about \$50,000. There is an annual fee for the usage of Eye on Water of about \$2500. Then there would be install from Daley Excavators. We have the funds available in our capital improvement account and would not need to ask the shareholders to contribute. It the Board decides to move forward with this Karen will start providing Steve Hanson with information to see if it is 100% possible in our neighborhood. He is pretty sure it would be. We would also skip the setup of new software that was next on the list as the meter reading software would change completely.

Karen presented to the board that the rate of forgiveness for repaired leaks be moved from 30% to 50%. This was discussed at length and Justin Rametta made a motion that the water accidental leak forgiveness policy be raised from 30% to 50%. It was seconded by Dave Maurer and will be effective immediately.

Karen hopes to look at the Express Pay option soon

Water loss July 10%. Reading meters Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August. Next Board meeting September 26, 2022, moved one day earlier to accommodate scheduling conflicts.

The current rate schedule is available on the website:highvalleywater.com.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm