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The meeting on May 27, 2025, covered board reorganization, appointing Elaine Fury as chair and Brian Donohoe as vice chair. Real estate transactions were approved, including a \$266.39 commitment for 2547 and a \$154.24 commitment for 2548. A deposition on Indian Point estates was discussed, focusing on access to Country Parkway. Financial updates revealed a \$1,000,002 allocation for new debt and \$500,000 in incentive revenue. The team addressed a significant rain event that doubled flow at the Rocky Nook pump station, highlighting contingency plans and the need for a backup level sensor. The meeting concluded with updates on new water meters and GIS data integration.

Action Items

- [] Obtain signatures for the approved real estate transactions.
- [] Follow up on the legal matter regarding access to Country Parkway.
- [] Prepare for the upcoming public hearing.
- [] Coordinate with the electric company to better understand the billing system.
- [] Continue the GIS mapping project to integrate sewer connection data.
- [] Explore options to address the infiltration issues at the Rocky Nook pump station.
- [] Communicate with the water department regarding the water meter replacement program.

Outline

Board Reorganization and New Business

- Elaine Fiore opens the meeting and calls for new business, specifically board reorganization.
- Bill Watson makes a motion for Elaine to be chair and Brian to be vice chair.
- Brian Donahoe expresses a preference to be vice chairman, and the motion is seconded and approved.
- The roles of chair and vice chair are officially assigned to Elaine Fury and Brian Donohoe, respectively.

Real Estate Transactions and Commitments

- Elaine Fiore discusses real estate transactions and commitments, including a \$266.39 commitment for 2547 and a \$154.24 commitment for 2548.
- Jeanne Dunn mentions a commitment of \$435,000, bringing the total to approximately \$1,000,450.
- Elaine Fiore updates on a deposition related to Indian Point estates, discussing access to Country Parkway and the original agreement from 2011.
- Brian Donahoe and Elaine Fiore discussed the importance of having counsel during depositions and the strategic nature of the process.

Public Hearing and Financial Updates

- Elaine Fiore announces a public hearing next Thursday and provides a draft of financial numbers for review.
- Elaine Fiore explains the allocation of \$601,000 in 2004, \$300,000 in 2005, and \$370,000 in 2006, totaling \$1,000,002.
- Elaine Fiore and David Walsh discussed the financials, including \$500,000 in incentive revenue and the impact of new rate increases.

- David Walsh provides an update on the treatment of water and wastewater, noting that the rate increase was more significant than expected but still within forecasts.

Electricity Costs and Billing Issues

- Jeanne Dunn and David Walsh discuss the fluctuating electricity costs and the complications of the new billing system.
- Jeanne Dunn mentions that the electric company has been unresponsive, leading to inconsistent bills.
- David Walsh explains that the new system has caused significant fluctuations in monthly bills, making it difficult to budget.
- Brian Donahoe and David Walsh discussed the impact of the new billing system on their financial planning and the need for a more straightforward billing process.

Rain Event and Pump Station Performance

- David Walsh reports on a recent rain event that doubled the flow at the Rocky Nook pump station.
- David Walsh explains the infiltration study and the impact of groundwater on the pump stations.
- Bill Watson inquires about contingency plans for overflow during catastrophic events.
- David Walsh describes the early decant process and the use of additional tanks to handle increased flow.

Leaching Field and Contingency Plans

- Bill Watson asks about the contingency plan for overflowing tanks and the possibility of gravity feeding into the leaching field.
- David Walsh explains the process of early decanting and the use of secondary pumps to handle excess flow.
- Bill Watson expresses satisfaction with the contingency plans and the ability to handle significant rain events.
- David Walsh mentions the historical rain event that almost caused tanks to overflow and the importance of having open capacity.

Public Hearing and Financial Updates

- David Walsh provides an update on the public hearing and the financials, including the evaluation of flow issues and the end-of-year budget.
- David Walsh mentions the addition of two new customers who will tie into the sewer system.
- Brian Donahoe discusses the impact of the leaching field on nearby wells and the importance of proper disinfection.
- David Walsh explains the process of tying new properties into the sewer system and the challenges faced by builders.

Infiltration Study and Collection System Assessment

- David Walsh discusses the infiltration study and the need to look at specific areas more closely.
- David Walsh mentions the potential for Capital Improvement projects to address infiltration issues.
- Brian Donahoe and David Walsh discuss the importance of assessing the collection system and addressing any issues.
- David Walsh explains the process of tracking daily numbers and evaluating pump station performance.

Water Meter Accuracy and Public Documentation

- Mark Guidiboni provides an update on the accuracy of water meters and the impact on rates.
- Mark Guidiboni mentions the introduction of new, high-tech water meters that will provide real-time usage data.
- Brian Donahoe and David Walsh discuss the benefits of having accurate water meter data and the potential for better tracking of water usage.
- Elaine Fiore and Jeanne Dunn discuss the importance of having all data in GIS for easy access and management.

Meeting Adjournment

- Bill Watson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, which is seconded and approved by all members.
- The meeting is officially adjourned, with no further business to discuss.