

Lake Carey Welfare Association, August 13, 2023

President Lewis Flinn called the meeting to order. He asked if any new members were in attendance and one person raised their hand. Welcome new member.

Patty Skrynski read the minutes that Alan Thatcher had taken at the July meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Membership – We currently have 96 paid members. We are making it easier to pay using the website.

There was no treasurer's report as Deb Tierney was not at the meeting. Full report in September.

Sewers

All of the grinder pumps should be put in by now. Most people have received their green tags. Lewis reported that he had a problem with the red lights on the electric box. He called the Sewer Authority and was directed to call a man named Brad. Brad answered him back quickly, within 10 minutes, He was willing to come right out but since it was eleven o'clock at night, it could wait for the morning. If your red light is on it is ok. If your alarm is going off, you need to contact the Sewer Authority. Paul Brown talked about a problem he had with his grinder pump and was given a new one. There was some discussion about other problems. We will get the emergency number out to the membership.

Since the sewer project is almost completed, we need to move on to our next project the new dam. We will be exploring different types of fund raising as well as looking into grants both private and public. WE will also be looking into the options for dredging the small lake. The estimated cost for the dam now is about ½ million dollars.

Commissioner Ernie King attended our meeting. He spoke about how grant money is very competitive and most require a 20% match which we almost have. Federal infrastructure money will begin to be available in January 2024. We will get in touch with our legislators once Dep approves our plan and we have a final estimate. He was asked to talk about Tyler Hospital. The Commissioners were given a two-hour window to respond to Commonwealth's decision to close the hospital. Letters were sent to all the major health care providers that serve the area. No one was interested except Guthrie. Bill Ruark, a lake resident, has purchased the building. The Wyoming County Foundation will give one million dollars towards keeping the building open. It costs about \$500,000 per year. That should help Bill and his foundation get started. The Guthrie Clinic in Tunkhannock will move up to the hospital and Guthrie will provide urgent care as well as testing. There may not be an Emergency Department. Commissioner Rick Wilbur has been the front man on this operation and as new information becomes available it will be given to the general public.

Lake Crey Day

We had a very large turnout for all the activities. We had good advertisement through social media. Thanks to Rob Baskin. If anyone has suggestions or comments, please let us know so we can keep improving Lake Carey Day.

There were no other questions or concerns from the membership.

A motion was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 for a potluck social hour after.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Skrynski, Secretary