

**Friendsville Utility Board
Regular Meeting
May 1, 2025
Friendsville City Hall
Minutes**

Present:

Mayor Steven Cardwell	City Attorney Rob Goddard
Vice Mayor Sandra Bell	Building Official Barry Ottinger
Commissioner Margaret Maze	City Engineer Bob Colvin
Commissioner Shane Rogers	Janet Walton
Commissioner Jonathan Newberry	Dana Bentz
City Recorder Janet Ledbetter	Debbie Bentz
City Administrator Kim Rogers	Steve Palmer

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting by Commissioner Rogers, second by Commissioner Maze. Motion passed.
3. Non-Agenda items from the public: none
4. Other business not on the agenda: none

5. Discussion:

Repair of fence at Quarry Rd Tank: Kim Rogers presented two quotes: Loudon County Fence was \$6,679 and Rio Grande Fence quoted \$6,850. Trees had fallen on the fence, and it was beyond repair, so it needed to be replaced. Commissioner Rogers asked if the damage could be turned into insurance, and Kim said that the damage had been there since the previous Utility Manager had been in charge.

Update Frogpond telemetry to power: Dexter Fortson quoted \$1,355.10 to convert the telemetry from solar to electric. The solar powered system was frequently blowing fuses, so it needed to be converted. Kim said she had spoken to Fort Loudoun Electric, and they told her they couldn't give her a quote to set a pole until she signed up for power at that location. Mayor

Cardwell told her to call Jarod Brackett at Fort Loudoun, and he would be able to get her a quote. They will discuss the issue at the next meeting.

Kim also had a discussion with Adam from Arcadia regarding the proposed behavioral health center property. They were proposing putting in a water tank and a pump for fire sprinklers to give them the pressure that they required, and they planned to run an 8-inch line from Dollar General to the property for domestic fire protection, which would supply fire hydrants on the property. The tank would also be filled by the line, but Bob Colvin said they would have to find a way to prevent the water from getting stagnant in the tank. Their engineer had already recommended that they run a 12-inch line. The company will have to get their fire suppression plans approved by the state Fire Marshal before they can build. The city has specifications for development, but they need to add some new provisions to it in case there are issues with a project like this one. The city had already sent Arcadia a letter stipulating what they would need to furnish regarding the water system because the city currently doesn't have the funds to run water lines to the property.

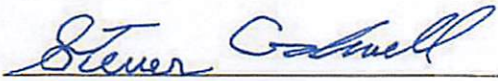
5. Staff Reports:

Grants update: Was discussed in the Board of Commissioners meeting.

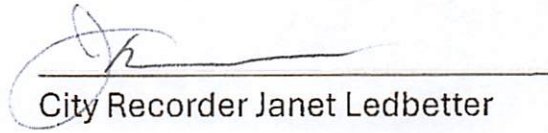
Upcoming projects: Kim told the board that there is some water line rehab in the upcoming budget. There are 5500 feet of line on Lane Drive around the catfish farm that need to be replaced, and a problem at Perkins Way to be fixed. Mayor Cardwell said he wanted to know the cost of self-performing the Lane Drive project and a price for contracting it out. Kim said they had enough pipe left to do the Perkins Way project. Vepo Solutions were scheduled to begin installing new meters within two weeks. A letter has been put in the water bills informing customers and telling them that they need to make sure their meter boxes are not covered up because they will be dug up. The downtown sewer project was about 26% complete and the water rehab was about 8% complete.

Financial report: The board looked over the financial report for the Water and Sewer funds.

6. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Rogers, second by Commissioner Newberry. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Mayor Steven Cardwell



City Recorder Janet Ledbetter