

**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TOQUERVILLE SECONDARY WATER SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Toquerville Secondary Water System, Washington County, Utah will meet in session at 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2017, at Toquerville City Offices, Toquerville, Utah.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

1. Hearing for Assessments
Assessment:
\$130 < ½ acre
\$190 > ½ acre to 1 acre
\$60 per Agriculture Acre

2. Other

Dated this 14th day of August 2017.

TOQUERVILLE SECONDARY WATER
SYSTEM

By _____
Secretary

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given of a hearing for the purpose of hearing objections regarding assessments for land covered in the city limits of the Town of Toquerville by the Toquerville Secondary Water System, an interlocal agency created by the Town of Toquerville and the Washington County Water Conservancy District, as follows:

1. A hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, the 17th day of August 2017, at the Toquerville Town Chambers at 212 N Toquerville Boulevard in Toquerville, Utah, for the purposes of hearing objections to assessments for property owners holding contracts for the delivery of secondary water.
2. The assessments shall remain as follows:
 - a. \$190 per year for secondary water for a residence having more than one-half acre but equal to or less than one acre.
 - b. \$130 for a residence having one-half acre or less.
 - c. \$60 per acre for agricultural ground covered by a contract for secondary water.
3. The assessment shall be levied to owners of real property within the city limits of the Town of Toquerville who have a contract for delivery of water from the Toquerville Secondary Water System.

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on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 5 p.m.
at Toquerville Town Hall Toquerville, Utah

Meeting called to order by Mayor LeFevre at 5:05 p.m.

Attending of the Board

Ty Bringhurst

Ron Thompson

Dave Jessop

Than Naegle

Mayor Darrin LeFevre

Julie Gillins – Taking minutes

See attached for list of public attending.

1. Annual Assessment

- a. The mayor opened it up to the board to discuss the first item on the agenda the annual assessment. He said that the assessments have been the same since 2006.
- b. Than wanted to make the public aware of why the public hearing is held. He went on to say that to minimize the expense of billing each customer individually, the board bills it through property taxes. In order to allow this process, a public hearing is necessary and the reason for this meeting.
- c. The mayor turned the discussion over to the public.
 - i. Chuck Goode made the comment on whether or not the assessment should go towards the usage instead of the area of land. Ron presented that the intent of the meters is for education only and for better management of the system. The rest of the board members agreed. Than added that the meters help in the management of the system and to account for where the water is going.
 - ii. Dan James brought up that perhaps the assessment based on the size of the area lot isn't fair. Than answered saying the assessment to TSWS customers is for the maintenance of the system not the amount of water used.
- d. Dave referred to the pamphlet (**see Toquerville Water History attached**), most of the assessment pays for the utilities to run the system. Mayor also went over some of the improvements that have occurred; relining of the upper pond and upgrading the pump to increase pumping capacity at the cost around \$400,000.
- e. The board provided information on the meters.
 - i. The residential meters won't be installed until next season.
 - ii. Ron provided some brief information on the Ash Creek project saying this project will provide better storage allowing easier management of the system.
 - iii. An audience member asked if TSWS board could give a credit to those that xeriscape. Ron discussed the impact fee is based on irrigated area of a

lot and a minimum fee is given if a water conservation easement is signed limiting the homeowner to 5,000 square feet of irrigated landscape.

- iv. Ron motioned to close public hearing. Ty seconded the motion. All voted aye.

2. Other

- a. Audience member Talked about not landscaping your backyard.
 - i. Ty said this is an HOA issues not TSWS water board issue.
 - ii. Greg Walker added it's Cholla Creek HOA.
- b. An audience member asked how the time of day watering times are working out.
 - i. Dave said that the system is working great with the extended watering times for residential.
- c. In her absence, Susan Whiting had Debra Towt [See attached] read a letter to the board.
 - i. The letter asked for a variance on the water schedule for vegetable gardens
 - 1. Than asked for clarification of water is being applied. Mayor said she is misting them and it is causing mold with an evening water.
 - 2. Ron proposed at the mayor's discretion he look at these individually and see if it warrants a variance from the schedule.
 - 3. Ron added that this needs to be proposed at the next board meeting for board action.
 - 4. Mayor opened discussion to the public.
 - a. An audience member asked what's the penalty for watering if someone doesn't abide by the schedule.
 - b. The board went over the process.
 - i. First two warnings are notifications, on the third a penalty of the annual assessment doubled; on the fourth, the annual assessment is tripled; and on the fifth, water is turned off for the rest of the season.
 - c. Questions was brought up whether meters will allow for water use billing. The board answered the meters are to help in the management of the system.
- d. Ben DeMille spoke discussing the division of a parcel and irrigation system between him and Randy Pearson.
 - i. Wanted presented to the board that he wanted 2 - 1" meters
 - ii. Since he is giving up an agriculture connection, the board said he could add the one inch for just the construction cost to install it.
- e. **Add to the next board meeting agenda:**
 - i. **Ratify the connection** (for Pearson & DeMille)
 - ii. **Changing the irrigation days for ag areas**
 - iii. **How to deal with water schedule waivers**

Ron made a motion to dismiss the meeting. Ty seconded the motion. All voted aye.

The time was 5:46 p.m.

Debara could you make copies of this for the water board members and read it in the meeting on the 18th when I am not there?

As a residential user of the Toquerville secondary irrigation water system I am again making a request to help many in our community.

We frequently ask each other to pray for and give service to members of our area who have devastating illness.

I am willing to do the work and provide the services at no charge to help our friends yet I need some assistance to be fully helpful.

So far this year we have given organic food from our vegetable garden to six people in our area who have had a diagnosis of cancer.

These foods are essential for well-being as they provide chemical free anti-oxidants which are anti-cancer agents.

I am requesting an early morning daily time that I may water the vegetable gardens on Almond Heights hook ups for lot six and lot seven so that I can sufficiently water the seedlings and young plants without creating mold on vines and leafy vegetables.

I plant them periodically through the summer spring and fall.

This only requires about an hour and 30 minutes in the early morning.

I have advanced Degrees from, or have worked at six Utah Universities and Colleges including a 16 year period as Wellness Director. This has given me a great deal of knowledge to assist with you the health and well-being of those with special needs.

Because I am retired I give all of the services away for free now and could be using my time to better our community if I am not spending so much time hand watering.

Please consider an exception for vegetable gardens for human consumption on residential lots to be made daily at an early morning time.

Thank you!

Susan Whiting MEd

435-340-0119

TSNS Public Hearing
Thurs. Aug. 17, 2017 @ 5 p.m.

Name

(Please Print Clearly)

Janice Hunter

Jo Jeppson

G. Gidwell

Dan James

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~~Greg Walker~~

Chuck Goble

Melanie McCartney

Deborah Tawt

Sari Beatty

Dave Theobald

Jenny Chamberlain

Max Sanchez