

Attachment to the PnR Minutes from 3/7/26

COYLE COMMUNITY CENTER WATER UPDATE

Hello Neighbors,

There's bad news, good news and great news!

BAD NEWS:

We brought in a well driller to attempt to remove the well pump three days ago. We had exposed the area around the well casing for them and the driller's first observation was that the six inch well casing was rusted and corroded worse than he's seen in a long time, even with it being 35 years old.

When they attached their drilling rig and tried to pull up the supply pipe and pump, the force broke the attached pipe in 2 places. As we discussed the prognosis, we could hear a noise in the well casing... rust scale was raining down the 325 foot casing. He tapped the side of the casing with a hammer and we could hear a large amount of rust falling. He's seen this before and is certain that the pump is buried with many feet of rust scale and possibly sediment from a compromised well casing and that any further effort would be a waste of money. Drilling a new well was the best course of action at this point. The cost to drill a new well would be between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

MORE BAD NEWS:

In my last update, you might remember we found a large leak in the supply pipe from the well house to the building after we

installed a 2500 gallon tank and booster pump to keep the center up and running. We had a locate service find the buried power and water pipes, but they could not locate the leak. After all this disturbance, the rust debris in the supply pipe had plugged up every fixture in the center... sinks, toilets and shut off valves... to the point that we will need to replace the shut off valves because they are jammed up and badly leaking.

GOOD NEWS:

We are going to run a temporary above ground pipe to the center and tap into one of the hose bibs to bypass the underground. This will allow us to get good water to the center and replace those shut off valves. This should get accomplished over the next few days.

GREAT NEWS:

At our Parks & Recreation District #1 emergency board meeting last night, the Toandos Emergency Preparedness Association (TEPA) announced that it had received an anonymous donation of \$50,000 from a community member to pay for the new well to be drilled, including a PVC liner to make it last much longer. We should also be able to trench and run a new pipe from the well house to the center. The P&R board voted unanimously to accept the donation from TEPA, a 501c3 charitable organization, and proceed with the new well installation.

TIMING:

We hope to have the center operational within the next few days with our bypass. At the moment, that means we cannot provide large water tank fill ups. The well driller should be

able to start drilling and finish the process in the next few weeks. If all goes "well", we could be back to normal operations by the start of April.

Thank you all for your patience as we navigate this situation!

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