Meeting began at 7:00 PM. Kathy Stallkamp introduced Jeff Bogan whom is a new Washington County Sheriff that is assigned to our area. He was with the Chicago police force for 1.5 years before coming to the Pacific Northwest. Jeff came to our meeting to ask for our support in passing the public safety levy that is on the November ballot, to insure that we are able to maintain the same standards of public safety that we enjoy today. A representative from the sheriff’s office will attend our meeting in October to discuss this further. This levy is at no tax Increase to the residents of Washington County. Jeff also wanted to make the group aware that there has been a group in the area that is obtaining fraudulent donations claiming to be part of U.S. Missions. There seems to be no indemnity theft involved however there were checks found that have not been cashed. Four persons were arrested in relationship to this issue.

Kathy Stallkamp introduced our guest speakers Dennis Koellermeier and John Goodrich who represent the Tigard Water District. For 40 years the City of Tigard has operated its water district by purchasing water from other districts such as Portland and others based on availability. The cost associated is cause for concern as it appears we are overcharged and cannot control the costs due to this arrangement. The City of Tigard had researched the all options and found that by partnering with Lake Oswego water district would allow the community the least expensive option in the long run. This partnership would allow the City of Tigard to control its cost as an owner of the district. The discussions between the City of Tigard and Lake Oswego began in 2005. There will be a new pipeline installed from the Clackamas River on Hwy 43 under the Lake Waluga neighborhood that will cross into Tigard. There will be 20 miles of pipeline installed. The estimated costs will be $118,000 million dollars. This will be a 5 year construction project. Municipal court
bonds will be available in 2012. The current contract with the City of Portland expires in 2016. Beginning on October 1st, there will be a 7% rate increase implemented to all residents to assist in funding for this project. There is 34.5% additional revenue needed overall for this project. Beginning in January 2011 there will be an additional increase in water rates based on the type of water pipe you have. If you are residential homeowner, the rate increase will be the least amount as this is based on the size of the pipe at your home. The mobile home parks and commercial buildings will receive the largest increase due to the size of the pipe that services their locations. There is $38,000 in funds that have been allocated for low income persons to apply for assistance in the City of Tigard. It was explained to the group that utilities are self funded by rates and that there is no election requirement because property taxes are not effected. Water usage doubles in the summer in Tigard, however if the citizens reduce their water usage due to this new increase the City of Tigard will need to raise the rates to compensate for the loss in revenue. The rate increases were based on current usage. This information was very helpful to all who attended.

The group discussed further clean-up projects and asked what resources we have to help such as groups at Tigard High School. Further research will be done on this topic.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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