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Wm. Foster stated 12" main at lower edge of Silk St property that could be used, putting a "T" in , hydrant inside fence w/meter. Brief discussion of possible street and traffic patterns.

J. Tornatore stated this committee's goal after next month's meeting is to develop a plan, begin interview process, and look at distribution costs, and Steve May could be next invitee.


R. Stevens asked how Village budget process occurs with respect to water. W. Foster stated look at what was over and under budgeted, and adjust. J. Tornatore stated expenses allocated primarily on real hours spent, with more going to water than general as needed, with other expenses out of Village's control, i.e. fuel, pension and medical costs driven by outside factors.

R. Stevens reiterated the committee's goal of looking at revenue, and looking at reducing Village customer costs, with respect to water bills.

W. Foster stated annual water and annual water loss report being compiled; once completed, more info will be given to this committee.

Next meeting February 7, 2012 @ 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM; with motion by M. Prentice, seconded by T. Evans. Carried.


Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist



WATER RATE COMMITTEE

Rate Committee meeting was held on January 3, 2012. Meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Robert Stevens.

Present: Thomas Evans, William Foster, Merle Prentice, Robert Stevens, James Tornatore, and Kathy McCall as committee secretary.

Minutes for December 6, 2011 meeting were approved with a motion by Wm. Foster, with a second by Merle Prentice. Carried.

Members received Deputy Clerk's response sheet of her contacts with other municipalities regarding their selling of water. Discussion regarding the different rates, and factors that would influence how a rate is determined. Discussion on looking at revenue coming in to determine what rate will be, and looking at expenses such as electricity, insurance, wages, materials, OT, etc for water department. Wm. Foster discussed gallon capacity of each well, and range of 200,000 – 250,000 gals/daily guesstimate; more accurate figures will be available as (13) leaks fixed, and that system has pumped more in past but caution on pushing limits. Group's final thoughts centered around 250,000 gals/day a good place to start, with rate from .7c initially & lowered to .4c/gal.

Discussion on past practices of circulation in reservoir, exchanging water to flush out and stop staleness. Wm Foster stated good circulation presently.

J. Tornatore stated appeared Village in holding pattern until more information can be gathered; he suggested a dual rate and village meeting to be held February 7, 2012. Invitees would include representative of Hunt, Washita, and Delta. Group concensus that it was premature to open to public discussion at this time.

Group discussion on 'homework' that landowners have done locally, what market and distribution outlook could be, and public range of opinion.