



## WATER RATE COMMITTEE

Rate Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012.  
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Robert Stevens.

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

Guest: Daniel Cheresnowski, Village property owner and resident

Motion to accept 9/4/12 minutes made by M. Prentice, second by T. Evans. Carried.

Guest D. Cheresnowski questioned the 9/1/12 billed debt service amount of \$250 on the water usage of 6336 for account # 1079 (apartment building). The water usage for apartment building (see xcel sheet) has been in range of 3007 to 5649 over the last eight quarterly billing cycles; this would correspond to a debt charge of \$60. The increase of 336 cf usage kicked owner into next usage range of 6001-25000 cf, with corresponding debt charge of \$250. D. Cheresnowski felt a relatively small increase over the limit (i.e 336 cf over the 6000 range) should not correspond to a very large debt payment increase (i.e \$250 vs \$60), and suggested more block ranges of usage & lesser charges instead of the current four (see billing sheet).

R. Stevens reviewed the history of the debt service and how the number of block ranges of usage & corresponding debt charges came about after a great deal of analysis, discussion and input from advisors; the debt service is tied to consumption as increased consumption stresses the system; water usage will drop due to conservation efforts of residents, but set revenues figures need to be received in order to cover the loan payment, given a 4% buffer on collections – this was a primary concern of the committee in calculating rates.

Wm. Foster discussed option of separate meters in the apartment building wherein D. Cheresnowski would have figures of each tenant's usage, with each unit paying own bill, and if the water usage remained in the increased range, the corresponding debt service would satisfy the village revenue need, with the tenants sharing the cost. It was reviewed with D. Cheresnowski that (1) a debt and capital charge would correspond to each meter installed, that (2) if any apartment was unoccupied, the bill would still be property owner's responsibility, that (3) any unpaid water bill(s) that tenant failed to pay would still be property owner's responsibility, and that (4) tax levy is end step of any chronic unpaid bill. D. Cheresnowski voiced his understanding and concurred with the reviewed information. D. Cheresnowski will coordinate w/Wm. Foster of DPW any new meter installations in the apartment building.


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Wm. Foster summarized the water project construction progress. Appears nine services are left, with reconstruction of roads and lawns already underway. There is an increase in service valve leaks; F.P.KANE requested a representative come in order that issues can be explained to rep, and/or determine if manufacturing issues as Wm. Foster stated that certain type of couplings seem to pinch piping. Rock Street milling improved the crown for water runoff.

Wm. Foster reviewed with committee the correction of a meter top and corresponding meter code for the village laundromat. The previous usage for the account was severely underread, compared with the corresponding correct usage. He and office staff met with owners and reviewed situation, with Wm. Foster meeting with owners on weekend to review usage in the two washing size units; a meter profile has also been suggested to owners to show them account usage history.

R. Stevens sought motion to adjourn. Motion made by M. Prentice, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wm. Foster. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

**\*\*\* NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> \*\*\***

  
Kathy McCall  
Account Clerk