



WATER RATE COMMITTEE

Rate Committee meeting was held Wednesday January 2, 2013 due to holiday.
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.

Motion to accept 12/4/12 minutes made by M. Prentice, second by Wm. Foster. Carried.

J. Tornatore stated there was good news in that the bond notice to be signed in Cortland NY Tuesday, 1/8/13, with interest rate locked in at 1.875, a decrease from initial 2.625%.

Committee had solid waste & water fund revenue & expense report prepared by Clerk Pozzi. Group also spoke w/Clerk Pozzi via phone with questions regarding information presented. R. Stevens stated committee need to know what has been collected in debt monies, and what has been paid out on BAN. R. Stevens asked that Clerk Pozzi compute this information, and also determine bond payments based on locked in lower rate and send e-mail to the committee. R. Stevens stated committee could look at options such as: (1) using any difference between revenue vs expense monies to pay down principal of bond, or (2) lower debt collections in billing to customers, but collecting leeway of 4% above minimum amount needed to pay bond, and (3) having no increase in water and solid waste rates for fiscal 2014 year.

M. Prentice followed up with Steve May of Rail Estate regarding his sense of future drilling in area. S. May stated he does not foresee drilling in NYS in the next year -- more drilling is occurring in Ohio as additionally 'wet' gas found there; gas prices are low at this time so market is flat; and rail tracks don't go to the drill sites so trucks would be needed. S. May felt that once uses of natural gas increase, i.e. buses and trucks, then demand would follow.

J. Tornatore updated group on old ladder factory site. Moody Associates, an environmental firm, will do initial environmental review via historical EPA records. Village will use the report to determine a path, i.e. contaminant testing, drilling & probing; or feasible economic development, which could lead to seeking grant monies.

Motion to adjourn made by M. Prentice; second by T. Evans. Adjourned @ 9:10 PM.

Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist

****** NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th ******