



WATER RATE COMMITTEE

Rate Committee meeting Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Robert Stevens.

Present: Thomas Evans, Wm. Foster, Merle Prentice, Robert Stevens; James Tornatore. Kathy McCall, secretary.

Guests: David Amaro, Village resident

Motion to accept minutes for 3/5/13 meeting made by M. Prentice; seconded by Wm. Foster; carried.

R. Stevens followed up with Wm. Foster regarding the backup sensor @ reservoir; Wm. Foster stated situation is being assessed for time frame to be set, i.e. after 7 hours of running, sensor will alert chain of command.

T. Evans stated he observed outside samples being taken at old ladder factory site—seemed to be manually going down about five feet, before using the boring tool for the sample. J. Tornatore stated he observed a depth of about twenty-five feet. The lab testing time frame was unknown, but J. Tornatore stated the results could be available for the Village Board meeting, Tuesday, April 9th.

T. Evans and R. Stevens stated that it would be good to have the results quantified, and opinions then could be formed.

M. Prentice asked if diluted by now; T. Evans stated it depends on if carried away; Wm. Foster stated outside amounts seems they would have dissipated due to exposure to elements but inside would be a different matter.

J. Tornatore stated he heard that Horseheads, NY was involved in water sales, but got sued as it was found the water contract was illegal. J. Tornatore will follow up with Chuck Franzese of HUNT.

D. Amaro stated once details learned, we could learn from their mistakes. Understood that Horseheads put money in infrastructure of the city for water sales purpose.

General discussion of Harford Mills, NY wherein there has been gas storage there for some time; evaporation pond “brine” is sold to towns/village for roads (salting purposes).

Wm. Foster said 100,000 daily pumped; R. Stevens reaffirmed capability of one million daily could be drawn, with respect to selling water.

Wm. Foster stated hydrants to be flushed at dead ends; each Friday pumps run vinegar to keep the crystals down.

R. Stevens suggested that the Newark Valley Fire Department coordinate with Wm. Foster when hydrants are flushed in order to check the hydrants; Wm. Foster said all hydrants are checked by DPW to make sure tight seal so no weeping occurs; there are 76 hydrants, with a lot of them new per Wm. Foster.

Brief group discussion on United Water, which is a private company, that owns the system in Owego NY and Nichols NY, and that residents appear to pay more due to rate increases.

Group discussion regarding dumpsters:

- (1) Taylor garbage rate for 3 yard is \$104 monthly, and includes sales tax & fuel surcharge; weekly pickup
- (2) B & E Disposal rate for 3 yard is \$68 monthly, plus tax; weekly pickup

Wm. Foster stated if commercial dumpsters were part of regular weekly pickup, an increase in tipping fees would be only additional expense. Wm. Foster stated there are residents dumping garbage in the commercial dumpsters.

T. Evans had questions as to what extent does Village want to develop that business? It doesn't seem to be a 'hot button' issue.

Motion to adjourn made by T. Evans; second by M. Prentice.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist

NEXT MEETING MAY 7, 2013