



WATER RATE COMMITTEE

Rate Committee meeting Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by Robert Stevens.

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

Motion by M. Prentice to approve minutes of June 4, 2013 meeting; second by Wm. Foster; carried. *There was NO JULY 2013 MEETING.*

Discussion regarding sidewalk issue. R. Stevens reviewed how the issue was dealt with in Berkshire NY. Per R. Stevens, who was member of the past Village of NV sidewalk committee, there was a clear definition of sidewalk made, with uniform set of codes & requirements, and a clear 2014 deadline. R. Stevens stated he feels the issue is that code enforcement needs to follow up with residents that have yet to comply. R. Stevens stated he would chair another committee; J. Tornatore stated he would make contacts with some Village residents to become members. It is anticipated the first meeting will be scheduled for September 2013.

J. Tornatore stated that Moody & Associates report went to DEC. HUNT asked for a response from DEC, although DEC is not required to give one. The Village is seeking a response from DEC to proceed with funding exploration, and to motivate the property owner. The County and the Economic Development office are aware of Moody's report, and any DEC response will be forwarded to them so the parties can move forward with options. If there is no response from DEC in two weeks, J. Tornatore will start discussions with the County. This Village would seek to have the County Treasurer put property back on tax rolls as need to have value on the property in order to pursue the owner and recoup any monies the Village spends in testing and reports; another option would be to force the County to put property up for sale. The DEC response is therefore very important per J. Tornatore.

Wm. Foster stated DPW had checked hydrants monthly, and no Village leaks. August 15th will be the next quarterly meter readings. If Golden Lane ever becomes part of the Village, gate valve would be installed; the status of Golden Lane is in limbo as the owner is not moving on installing own well for the site, or re-petitioning to become part of the Village. There was brief discussion on how to locate lost water. Wm. Foster stated water is shut off in sections, but difficult in spots as shut offs have been buried by Town DPW work.

There are three properties that need to have wells put in to improve water loss statistics. Per Wm. Foster, per Scott Freyburger of the Tioga County Health Department, there needs to be *six months notice from the date of any letter* that goes out of any impending shutoff. Wm. Foster will notify HUNT of the notice time, and J. Tornatore will notify Town of NV Supervisor.

Wm. Foster stated reservoir timers are in place, so if pumps run for so many hours (over set time) DPW will be contacted.

Brief discussion regarding fracking status in NYS. There is a sense of low interest in NYS, especially Tioga County, by drilling companies. Perhaps when gas prices increase investments will increase as well.

M. Prentice made a motion to adjourn; second by T. Evans. R. Stevens adjourned at 8: 20 PM .

Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist

***NEXT MEETING TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2013***