



WATER RATE COMMITTEE

Rate Committee called to order by Robert Stevens @ 7PM, Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

Present: Wm. Foster; John Frieman; Merle Prentice ; Robert Stevens, Chair; & James Tornatore, Village Mayor

Guests: George Wahl, NVFD Fire Chief

Meeting cancelled for August 5, 2014. Motion by M. Prentice to accept 7/1/14 minutes; second by R. Stevens. Carried.

Welcome to J. Frieman, new member, as Thomas Evans as resigned. Thank you to T. Evans for his service to this committee, and his knowledgeable guidance. This committee welcomes J. Frieman and his vast career experience working with three separate systems.

J. Tornatore stated that George Wahl present regarding the hydrants situation as the Village desires to work together with Newark Valley Fire Department to inspect hydrants per IOC & PESH requirements.

Wm. Foster stated that DPW is conducting flow and pressure checks where they can, i.e. where property or traffic flow won't be disturbed. DPW is noting location, code and static pressure of each hydrant checked.

Per G. Wahl, flow pressure testing & coordinating color coding required by NFPA. The report from the Village DPW checks will meet what NVFD needs. Wm. Foster stated hydrant tops & collars to be painted with one of four colors as final step. Wm. Foster & G. Wahl will coordinate schedule of available NVFD staff (fire police capt. & Lt., and G. Wahl) to assist Village in testings and/or painting. There are no restrictions on which hydrants NVFD can use; any hydrants out of service will be tagged, and will be have black collar. NVFD can recode and reflow as needed later with Village DPW.

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J. Tornatore asked that DPW take digital photo of hydrant, and include comments about hydrants.

Wm. Foster stated that five hydrants have never been used, and asked committee should they be replaced if they can't be repaired?

R. Stevens, M. Prentice, J. Frieman all agreed after brief discussion that hydrants should be replaced as needed.

There was brief review of chart prepared by office showing quarterly 2014 billings, with respect to quarterly Village usage and charges compared with Town usage and charges, including debt service amount billed each quarter. There are six accounts located in the Town, plus the two accounts for the Town office & DPW physically located in the Village limits.

There was also review of chart prepared by Village Clerk showing payment of principal & interest of October BAN notice. Committee members agreed after brief discussion that the current \$32,000 balance forward remain available for future payment.

Wm. Foster reviewed Noble Room floor status. The floor is not flat; it is proposed that a thicker pad and ¼" plywood will be used by Endwell Rug (using plywood instead of luaun as glue de-laminates w/luaun).

Motion to adjourn M. Prentice; Wm. Foster seconded; 7:45 PM adjourned.

Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist

******* NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 7th *******