



WATER RATE COMMITTEE

Rate Committee called to order by Robert Stevens @ 7PM, Tuesday, *October 7th, 2014.*

Present: John Frieman; Merle Prentice ; Robert Stevens, & James Tornatore

Absent: Wm. Foster

Motion by M. Prentice to accept 9/2/14 minutes; second by R. Stevens. Carried.

R. Stevens read the report Wm. Foster provided. Per the report, hydrant flow testing complete, with painting to start very soon. NVFD assisted in traffic control and will assist in painting. NVFD will receive copy of results. Three hydrants need repair & awaiting parts to come in; safe to use in meantime. Gate valve servicing middle school is leaking and has been located, with valve to be changed Friday (10/10/14) as school closed. NYDOH completed their water system sanitation survey and Village system passed. State water sample results due back next month.

J. Tornatore stated that Village wants 100% efficiency with hydrants, and Village does have five new ones should ever one can't be repaired. J. Tornatore also stated that he wants the state underwriters to be contacted in order to obtain lower rates for homeowners when hydrants are at 100%.

J. Frieman provided handouts from water quality seminar attended. There was brief discussion regarding issues with naturally occurring elements in the nation's water, i.e. radiation, arsenic, lithium etc. A reservoir can show "water age" so lowering the reservoir to use water more quickly can avoid this. Brief discussion also on how the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets water quality limits; NYS is a primacy state, wherein NYS has the same EPA levels; not all states are primacy states. Under the Clean Water Act, Congress has approximately 1 billion in funds that are divided up, with NYS receiving approximately \$300,000,000 funding to provide good water.

J. Tornatore stated decision on sidewalk grant is to be announced this week.

J. Tornatore stated Sen. Thomas Libous sent letters out to announce a \$100,000 award for the Village of Newark Valley for the demolition and removal of the old ladder factory, with the letter stating that the Village was envisioning using the property for a solar park for Municipal accounts, with any excess sold back to NYSEG. J. Tornatore stated that municipal accounts include street lighting, municipal building Village office, public works barn, Trout Pond park, etc.

J. Tornatore clarified that funding was secured from the State & Municipalities Capital Program for local upgrades and maintenance; Sen. Libous asked each municipality to submit its ideas, and awards were made.

J. Tornatore stated that the factory owner's attorney told Village attorney that owner agreed to sign document to have property come to the Village for \$1.00.

J. Tornatore stated the solar park concept could include plug ins for electric cars; also NYSERDA will offer credit if solar park concept becomes reality.

Empire State Development deals with demolition, and could pay for demo work; the soil and water readings were below the DEC radar, and they do not demolish buildings J. Tornatore reminded committee. The \$100,000 is for asbestos inside (piping) and outside (shingles); there will be bids sought for asbestos removal, and other bids sought for rest of the demo work; once the asbestos is gone, bidding will be more open to demolition companies. Process will be sought by June 15, 2015, with results known by 10/16, 2015.

M. Prentice motion to adjourn; second J. Frieman. Adjourned 8:17 PM.

*Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist*

******* NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 4th *******