



WATER RATE COMMITTEE

Rate Committee called to order 7PM by Robert Stevens, Tuesday, 12/2/2014.

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

Absent : Wm. Foster (ill)

Motion to accept 11/14/14 minutes by M. Prentice; second J. Frieman; Carried.

Guest: Jeremy Frederici, Town (NV) resident & Schuler Haas Electric Corp.

Wm. Foster called Village office to leave message for committee that Chris @ HD Supply still looking into parts for hydrant repair.

J. Tornatore introduce Jeremy Frederici as someone who has direct knowledge of solar panels due to his employment with a company that installs and maintains solar panels (company is not a provider of the panels). J. Tornatore stated this knowledge would be a great asset with regards to future solar panel site @ old ladder factory site; J. Tornatore asked that J. Frederici be made an additional member of the Rate Committee. Group consensus was positive and agreeable. Welcome Jeremy!

J. Frederici stated that a US based company is doing solar work at Potsdam site, Clarkston University; and Italian based company is doing solar work at Ithaca site, Cornell University; Italian company has satellite office in Washington DC. His company has maintenance contract for Cornell University.

J. Tornatore reviewed the plan for the old ladder factory site, wherein monies would be sought for demo project, and for solar park for second parcel of site. The Village would then run the site, or farm it out to a company to maintain. If only demo work monies can be secured, then Village will look for financiers. The County Treasurer has made the property exempt from future taxes, but property still has as assessed value. NV Village attorney Como and Tioga County Attorney Quigley are discussing the legalities of the situation.

R. Stevens asked a few questions about Cornell site. J. Frederici explained that there is no storage but units are sold back to NYSEG, but at night power is used for basic operations; there is a two-way meter. Solar panels are smart panels in that they shut down themselves; solar panels also need perpendicular rays; E-W alignment of panels is best. Panels usually don't move, but there is additional cost for movement but this also means more points of failure.

J. Frederici stated he would want "hiccups" to be avoided in the Village project; so he could assess the set-up for the Village is project proceeds. Some things to consider for example: maintenance costs, ie. electrician; protectors in place, i.e. fence, there is electric code article 690 & 620; yearly maintenance to consider; panels rated for 25-30 yrs; if lease property, Village would get monies from that agreement.

J. Tornatore stated that Village would be charged transmission costs regardless, but it would be a savings to the Village on energy costs.

Motion to adjourn made by M. Prentice; second by R. Stevens. Carried.
Adjourned at 8:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 6, 2015