



WATER RATE COMMITTEE - September 1, 2015

Present: Wm. Foster, J. Frieman, M. Prentice, Robert Stevens, James Tornatore

Guest: George Wahl, Newark Valley Fire Dept. (NVFD)

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM by R. Stevens.

Motion by Wm. Foster to approve August 4, 2015 minutes; second J. Friedman.

G. Wahl spoke of the ISO (International Standardization Organization) forms received. There is to be a September 29, 2015, 11 AM evaluation of the Fire Department, Water Department and 911 Communications. ISO contact is Al Turner 804/200-2193. Forms were emailed to the Village Clerk Mertie Pozzi and DPW Supervisor Wm. Foster; Community Risk Reduction form was emailed to Fire Marshall Dennis Liebe. G. Wahl is asking that applicable sections be answered by those who were sent the forms, as he is not aware of the answers – the sections will be compiled into one form, which he will save at NVFD and email to all parties. The first Village hydrant checks and the mapping sections were completed by NVFD in 2005 – Village DPW has maintained and updated since then.

J. Tornatore will follow up with the County regarding statutes regarding fire lanes.

A meeting will occur Tuesday, September 15th @ 6 PM to review the forms and responses. DPW Supervisor, Fire Marshall, Village CEO and NVFD will be present.

Brief discussion regarding mixing system type for the reservoir – i.e. solar operated or electrical; fill pipe above reservoir and drop down, or aerate it with a nozzle system. J. Tornatore will contact HUNT to attend October 6, 2015 Rate meeting.

Brief discussion from R. Stevens that he would like to see monies out of the *reserve* for the mixing system if mixing system is required.

Wm. Foster had discussion with HUNT regarding fire protection safety level in reservoir as fourteen feet (14') but the level will not go below fifteen feet (15').

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Wm. Foster reviewed the maintenance schedule of the pumps and reservoir. The reservoir is 2009, with the interior cleaning/inspection to be 5 to 10 years – a machine can dive with a mobile camera. Pump #4 is 2000 or 2001; new pump 2006 or 2007 due to an electrical strike. There should be rehabilitation every five (5) years. Each pump would be pulled up, camera would scope pump and screens and they would also be cleaned – this would cause the pump to be out of service for one day. The pumps are at 800 gpm. The main meters at each well are recalibrated every five years – cost is \$1500 for the pair.

Wm. Foster had comparison of water sample results from 2014 & 2015. Handouts showed the drastic reduction in 2015 results of the presence of organic compounds.

Brief discussion regarding lack of meters at the cemetery, mausoleum and Trout Ponds. It was stated that no water goes to the mausoleum. Meters will be installed at cemetery and TP for monitoring for Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) reports. SRBC is looking to have a maximum 5% water loss, or else levy fines.

Follow up letters to the three (3) Town residents on NV-Maine Rd were sent out 8/5/15, confirming 1/1/16 shut off date for Village water supply.

Motion to adjourn meeting by M. Prentice; second by Wm. Foster. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist