



## *WATER RATE COMMITTEE - MARCH 1, 2016*

Present: Robert Stevens, chair; Wm. Foster, John Frieman, Mayor James Tornatore  
Absent: Merle Prentice

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

NO MEETING DECEMBER 2015, JANUARY 2016 or FEBRUARY 2016.

Review of the water loss report to Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) and of the water withdrawal report for Dept. Environmental Conservation (DEC).  
Review of the water quality report. Also review of quarterly 3/1/2016 billing figures for water; NV Fire District had first quarterly billing of water charges, per agreement with the Village.

Wm. Foster stated some meters due to be tested this summer. Lead testing will also occur summer 2016, with Village properties picked at various locations—method is to have water sit for 8 hours before testing. Lead testing done every three years.

Discussion regarding natural presence of lead in environment, and environmental factors such as leaded gasoline that made acid rain. Acidic water also pulls lead from soldered fittings and metal or copper pipes—water is a universal solvent. Per Wm. Foster, quality of water is known once leaves the well, but inside residences and school unknown due to their piping materials—individual owners/facilities can test own. NYS & federal standards in place for lead testing; mathematical formulas to determine “mean average” depending upon sample number, i.e. above or below five samples. High & low numbers disregarded, then samples added & averaged.

J. Tornatore & R. Stevens to attend meeting Friday, 3/4/16, regarding sidewalk easements. Easements are two years, not 6 months, per Delta request due to state. Bid openings will be 7/7/16.

Mayor Tornatore will be looking at “future need vs funding” when assessing priorities for distribution system and the reservoir system, establishing three priorities for each, i.e. piping in distribution and mixing system for reservoir.

Brief discussion regarding age of pipes along Main St. as when state route done about 50 years ago, piping done at same time. Will need to determine how to replace, i.e. section by section, or all at once. Discussion on methods to clean pipes and/or replace; ice used for breaking off soft particle deposits, and “pig ball” or ground walnut shells for harder deposits without damaging pipes; for new piping, “pipe bursting” method used to expand pipe 2-3” then pull in new piping.

J. Frieman stated bids for NVFD were high and were refused. Specs are being re-done, then re-bid will occur. Bidding system more complicated as have to have separate bids for each work, i.e. plumbing, electrical, mechanical, general etc.

Motion to adjourn by Wm Foster; second by J. Frieman. Adjourned 8:45 PM.

*NEXT MEETING APRIL 5, 2016*

Kathy McCall  
Account Clerk Typist