



WATER RATE COMMITTEE - May 3, 2016

Present: DPW Supervisor Wm. Foster, John Frieman, Mayor James Tornatore, Merle Prentice

Absent: Chair Robert Stevens

Meeting called to order 7:01 PM by M. Prentice.

Minutes from 4/5/16 approved with motion by Wm. Foster and second by J. Frieman; minutes from 3/1/16 meeting approved with motion by J. Frieman, second by Wm. Foster.

Hand out of chart comparing March 2016 and June 2016 billings –i.e. usage and charges for Village and Town accounts; also includes NV Fire District billings.

Per Wm. Foster, ISO rating has improved from “10”to “5”; homeowners should check insurance policy regarding length from fire hydrant as this may affect their rate. Inspection of reservoir occurred. Chipping of outside concrete, which may have been caused by rock which was cleared off the concrete; hole in outer screen vent found, with inner screen in good shape; signage posted with “No Trespassing” every 30’ on fence. Water temp difference is 1.5 degrees top to bottom and side to side. There are (6) 8” pipes baffled which circulate water; there is ductile iron inside. DOH will be given info of the inspection. Also, there is no longer pick up of monthly water samples – they are to be delivered or taken to pick up site....Wm. Foster expressed concern that there are animal waste samples (ecoli) stored in same refrigerator – Village water samples will be double bagged by staff. Village tests hydrants 3 to 4 times a year – the Village wishes that NVFD would assist in this endeavor. NVFD will use two hydrants for water supply training.

J. Tornatore stated two Village accounts have dropped garbage service due to the increased rates. Regarding the sidewalk project, there is possibility (although not likely) that project won’t happen as some owners refuse to sign ROW, and this project has to have *continuous* sidewalk upgrade. It will be the Congden company that will discuss with involved Village residents options regarding funding. Brief discussion regarding making the garbage charge applicable to all via taxes. If Village garbage service stopped, customers will pay more for another service.

J. Tornatore spoke of the Town possibly taking over Village roads during the winter (plowing, salting and sanding). The process was reviewed wherein the Town of NV has raised the tax for Village landowners over the years, and Village owners are now paying same tax rate as the Town landowners. In other communities in Tioga County, the Town has taken over Village road maintenance in snow months. A savings of approximately \$4000 occurred as no street milling done. Roads will be selected for recommended cold patch instead of hot patch as it lasts longer.

Adjourned at 8:30 PM with a motion from Wm. Foster, second by J. Frieman.
Carried.

Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist