



WATER RATE COMMITTEE - JANUARY 3, 2017

Present: Chair Robert Stevens, Merle Prentice, Mayor James Tornatore, John Frieman
Excused: Wm. Foster, DPW Supervisor

Guest: John Tomazin, Village apartment owner; Mertie Pozzi, Village Clerk;
Pamela Benthin, Deputy Clerk

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM. No meeting 12/6/16; 11/2016 minutes approved.

J. Tornatore gave quick review of need for water project due to (1) low water pressure for Upper Whig and issues of concern from Tioga County Department of Health (2) reservoir roof collapsing. \$4.1 million project cost, with 2.2m in stimulus money, with 1.9m being paid on. USDA requires external audit once yearly per contract. Have to collect 104% of BAN debt amount to make payment; debt has no reserve. October annually the interest and principal paid.

R. Stevens reviewed how the debt structure came about. Goal was to have single households paying less than higher users, i.e. school. There couldn't be too much fluctuation individually so debt was billed in blocks. Larger users, i.e. carwash, laundry, apartments also have more stress on water system.

J. Tornatore stated that landlords can install separate meters at their own units, or use the one Village meter and separate each unit with own meter installed by landlord.

Per Audit recommendations, J. Tornatore stated a multi-year plan to be started.

J. Frieman spoke of the need for looking ahead, and planning ahead due to issues of aging mains, i.e. 50 years old, and new pipe materials that last for 100+ years. Also, consider that when water main or lines are worked on, do you put in lines for sewer as a pre-plan for Village wide system, or hook up to another Village system? Need to look at county stats and state stats to see how demographics are changing. Also, look ahead to what regulations will be in place, i.e. 92 chemical tests for water to be implemented within 5 years.

J. Tornatore stated that needs have to be prioritized, and how to pay for them.

RATE COMMITTEE

January 3, 2017

Brief discussion of issues in NYS system regarding lead issues found, i.e. Newburgh NY, Albany NY, and in schools. Discussion of how it is not the delivery of water but the 50/50 solder, and the disturbance of it affecting the reading, or even the method of collection, i.e. flush water 5 min first or sits for 6 to 8 hrs.

J. Tornatore suggested that next month's meeting develop a priority list of forward thinking.

Brief discussion regarding need for mixing of the reservoir. Level kept at minimum height of 15'; 13' minimum would be needed to sustain a heavy fire battle per NV FD; level can go to 24'. Per Wm. Foster discussion with HUNT, water level can be lower so water circulates into reservoir more often; if increase water level, than Village could look at mixing system.

Goal of next month is to look at different mixing systems. J. Frieman will look at different types, looking at what is best for this Village.

Adjourned at 8: 20 PM with a motion from R. Stevens, second by M. Prentice.



Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 7, 2017