



WATER RATE COMMITTEE - MARCH 7, 2017

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

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM. No meeting 2/7/17.

J. Tornatore stated he has not heard back from previous guest, Village apartment owner, Matt Tomazin regarding suggestions on debt levels for water usage billing.

List of long and short-term planning goals established by the Village was reviewed by the group. Need for 3rd truck for hauling was noted for DPW; and primary short-term goal would be to look at water system mixer.

Per Wm. Foster, “rehab” the wells (#3 & #4) every 15 years, i.e. pull up, clean, check pumps, filming well all the way down, etc. to be recertified and recalibrated. Certification assures accuracy within a certain range. Susquehanna River Basin wants this process to be performed every 5 years.

Wm. Foster also reviewed the process of the reservoir level. Per discussions with Tim Steed of HUNT, level as low as 13’ poses no problem and circulates more; highest level can go is 24’. There is distribution system in the reservoir with ‘duck bills’ that provide great circulation.

J. Tornatore spoke of concern for current one pipe system as could short circuit. Wm. Foster stated could change to two pipe and leave the one-pipe system in place with valve and go back and forth if need be. Water hammer is reduced due to variable control motor which starts slow and at highest is 5 pound pressure. J. Tornatore stated in 3 to 4 years look at mixing system, but investigate now and get info together for when/if grants are available the Village is ready. With the list of contaminants being tested for, J. Tornatore feels there will be problems with a one-pipe system. The two-flow system was reviewed with HUNT but HUNT felt was not necessary as “where is NV going” and for the current standards two flow system not needed but need to look at future needs. Brief discussion as to whether two pipes come from the wells, under creek and up to reservoir, or main pipe across to wells. HUNT would look at getting grant \$\$ with any mixing system proposed.

J. Frieman expressed concern that HUNT has no engineers who have been water system certified and would prefer a firm with staff who have done this for a living.

Brief review of how chlorine is heavy, and needs to be injected at side or bottom. Chlorine piping should be changed yearly. Chlorine is tested when received; chlorine ages and doesn't last as long in summer as winter.

Wm. Foster stated that Village should plan for well replacement by replacing one well after 7 years; then next 7 years replace second well; after another 7 years go back to first well and replace, so every 14 years replaced well. It was suggested that this go on the agenda for March Village Board meeting.

Wm. Foster stated that no new leaks were seen in figures they gather; DPW crew listens monthly to hydrants and a few service valves. If the NVFD does go out on fire call, DPW crew checks hydrants next day.

J. Tornatore noted that Village fiscal stress level low at 32%.

Adjourned at 9:03 PM with a motion from R. Stevens, second by Wm. Foster.

Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 4, 2017