



## *WATER RATE COMMITTEE - APRIL 4, 2017*

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

Excused: John Frieman, John Tomazin

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM by R. Stevens. Minutes of 3/7/17 accepted Wm. Foster motion; second by R. Stevens.

J. Tornatore stated bids to be opened at 2 PM meeting; it is an open meeting, with DELTA running the meeting. Delta will open bids, announced for minutes, then Delta takes to review and are sent electronically to DOT; DOT will get back to the Village by May's Village Board meeting. Delta will be the "clerk of the works" and will be on site testing concrete viscosity and tamping. Three trees coming down in the sidewalk project, as part of the project so no responsibility of landowner. Reminder that this project's impetus was the "Safe to Schools" initiative.

Wm. Foster stated water quality report completed. The category of THMs includes five different things. The water loss report also completed. Service line leak on Spring Street handled by tenant – deep freeze of 3-4 yrs ago may have contributed.

J. Tornatore will bring before the Village Board issue of drawing \$\$ out of reserve for well rehab in order to have preventive attention before any break down.

J. Tornatore talked of the "Smart Watt" informational presentation to occur 4.17.17. The Village would purchase lamps, with a maintenance agreement with company for lamps (i.e. MATCO); lamps would be converted to LED. Arms and fixtures have different wattages, and would still be owned by NYSEG; new fixtures would be needed with LED lamps so NYSEG would raise pole cost for customers. The Village would have a \$166,000 expenditure bond (paid off w/in 8 years). The Village would have principal/interest and maintenance, but once principal/interest paid off after 8 years the kilowatt cost would decrease tremendously. When LED efficiency decreases after approximately 10 years, kilowatt cost goes up and uses more power when LED failing. Any third party supplier has to be approved by Public Service Commission.

J. Tornatore reviewed cost of Municipal Building windows and eaves/downspouts (may have to be copper) are being sought through Consolidated Funding application, and possibly through Mildred Faulkner Foundation. Central New York Builders (CNY Builders) that worked on Municipal Building are authorized historic preservation company.

J. Tornatore stated Empire State Development giving Village \$100,000 for Ladder Factory, but more is needed. Brief discussion on how to approach work as the \$100,000 could be used to tear down part of the front end where roof caving in, and then bite the bullet and go for bond of \$400,000 (\$400,000 has been paid off for the water project). Building structure so dangerous to even go in and just take asbestos out. Village can take ownership once plan is determined as owner signed off. Members asked their opinion on proceeding, with concensus to get it down all the way, with sadness to see the once prosperous building go down after such decay.

Brief discussion of 501.C4 landbank – Tioga County program by legislation wherein County purchases decayed properties. Tioga County does not have the Federal government backing so County will seek block grants that do not have to be paid back.

Adjourned at 8:30 PM with a motion from R. Stevens, second by M. Prentice.

Kathy McCall  
Account Clerk Typist

***NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MAY 2, 2017***