



## *WATER RATE COMMITTEE*

Rate Committee meeting was held on March 6, 2012.  
Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Robert Stevens.

Present: William Foster, Merle Prentice, Robert Stevens, James Tornatore,  
and Kathy McCall as committee secretary.

Absent: Thomas Evans

Guest: Chuck Franzese/Hunt Engineers; Arthur Hilliard, Village Resident;

Speakers: Les Plaine & Jerad Taylor of Taylor Garbage

Minutes for February 7, 2012 meeting approved with a motion M. Prentice,  
with a second by Wm. Foster. Carried.

C. Franzese spoke of the phone call with USDA regarding the process of completing the final stage of the water project; Hunt's archeological consultant will come back and concur in written format that USDA wants; updated forms will be done with Mary @ Municipal Solutions. Change order with Kane Construction per Titus Fulkenberg @ USDA due to project not going out to bid; also will negotiate expectations, repair issues, etc. with Kane to reduce soft cost surprises. Leon Welch will be back working with contractor on-site. Hunt will seek to amend contract and will get with Village Attorney regarding easement paperwork. Two handouts given regarding water system improvements, and schedule for final completion. There will be another kickoff meeting once is all set/approved; start by June 11<sup>th</sup>; there will be one month at end of project for completion of any other paperwork and to tie ends up.

J. Tornatore gave brief summation of current situation wherein funding was received, but the USDA attempted to pull \$700,000 grant funds (as additional work needed on different sized pipes not noted in original paperwork. Congressman Hanna's office was contacted, and letters of justification were accepted. There is no additional cost to Village as \$\$ is out of grant funds, not loan funds.

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Discussion changed to presence of insulated railroad cars with respect to the railroad outfit hauling steel to a Village site. The Village is at an advantage due to this site as could accommodate a hydrant with backflow meter. C. Franzese suggested reaching out to whomever is signing most of the leases as may be possibly interested in insulated RR cars. Also, C. Franzese will look into a possible speaker (Myers group) regarding insulated RR cars and will get back with committee.

J. Tornatore suggested approaching Steve May and IDA who owns property to be present if possible speaker Myers gets involved.

Speakers L. Plaine and J. Taylor introduced themselves from Taylor Garbage. L. Plaine sent e-mail 2/21/12 to Village Mayor interested in servicing area. L. Plaine stated Taylor could offer 2 can service, 30 lbs (NOT gallons) per can; also offered would be overweight stickers for 25 lbs, w/a sheet of ten (10) for \$2.50, which is designed to cover the tipping fee. Overweight stickers would be for such items such as couches, mattresses, chairs etc. A separate service would be "white pickup" for appliances. L. Plaine stated there could be clean up days – weekend pickup, typically one time yearly, then customers would use stickers system.

When questioned as to rates, L. Plaine quoted \$10 -12 mth per residence and stated \$36/quarterly with prices based on collective price. (L. Plaine stated with a base of 400+ village customers (a figure given to him by an unknown village resident) but Wm. Foster reviewed latest March 2012 billing figure of only 230 village customers.) L. Plaine stated brush and leaf pickup could be arranged via xtra fees; also Taylor could make available flood debris pick up at xtra fee.

L. Plaine stated Taylor very active in picking up flood debris on an almost daily basis for some weeks. FEMA waived tipping fees for Taylor itself, and Taylor left rolloffs and compactors for residents' use. It was noted that this Village could recoup our approximate \$4300 tipping fees from flood through FEMA.

J. Taylor spoke of the no-sort system that is going into Apalachin area, and encouraged people to check out Taylor website.

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J. Tornatore summed up for guest speakers that years ago solid waste was included in taxes, whether used or not; believes that the Village rates are competitive as rates have been compared with other providers.

Brief discussion on why residents may use other providers other than the Village DPW, but stated that some residents have voiced strongly wanting the program to go away.

Wm. Foster, DPW Supervisor, asked questions regarding maintenance schedule and longevity of garbage truck. History of basic maintenance and packer replacement reviewed, and expectation of years of continued use at this time.

Noted by R. Stevens that T. Evans had checked into SW rates of other providers and this information could be reviewed when T. Evans present.

R. Stevens asked for motion to adjourn; M. Prentice made motion, w/second by Wm. Foster; carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 PM.

  
Kathy McCall  
Account Clerk Typist