



WATER RATE COMMITTEE

Rate Committee meeting was held on April 3, 2012.
Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Robert Stevens.

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

Absent: Thomas Evans, James Tornatore

Absent: Chuck Franzese

Minutes for March 6, 2012 meeting approved with a motion M. Prentice, with a second by Wm. Foster. Carried.

Wm. Foster spoke of water loss report: 39.8 unaccounted, which has decreased from mid 40s, although it was expected the number would be lower and into the 20s. NY Leak Detection found 6 to 7 leaks and have been fixed. Monies are back in the budget for another leak test in the summer. Metering water is going out north end of Village – town accounts left are Golden Lane; three on upper Whig; and two on Howard Hill. The shutoff is on Village side, before creek. Last of the Village accounts to be converted to electronic meters is five. The broken fire hydrant on north end will be retrieved and scrapped.

R. Stevens reviewed the garbage situation with respect to Village budget. If the garbage service was ended, this would stop payroll hours spent on garbage pickup but would not decrease payroll budget with respect to insurance, disability etc. Even IF hours were less by one day for DPW staff, it would save only approx \$100 daily, and there is the question of who on DPW staff would want hours/pay reduced; there would be no counter savings in the Village office as quarterly bills would be unaffected. The garbage revenue also provides annually for staff. There would be less revenue coming if garbage service ended, and there would be a corresponding need to increase general fund, such as via increase in property taxes.

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R. Stevens also reviewed that the figures of \$10 -12 monthly given by last month's speaker from Taylor Garbage was based on 400 households using the garbage service, NOT the actual 230. It was noted that Taylor Garbage has the recycling contract already, so if they were to pick up garbage there would be no extra effort on their run. Also it was noted that there are no major expenses associated with Village garbage truck and it is expected to run for some years to come per Wm. Foster.

Comment by M. Prentice that there is the uncertainty that the price would be bumped up after some time once the company got into the Village. Wm. Foster stated if garbage service were part of general fund from taxes it would be understood why residents would want service to end but service is not part of this tax base. Wm. Foster also stated that there is some revenue from rental of the Village's 3-yd dumpster, but other providers offer 2-yd dumpster sizes. R. Stevens stated there is not enough money to buy a new garbage truck, so once the Village truck is no longer usable then the issue will have to be readdressed.

Meeting ended on the note of the \$700,000.00 improvements ok'd by USDA, with the contingency fund getting the balance of the \$900,000.00.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM.


Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 1st, 2012 @ 7 PM