



WATER RATE COMMITTEE

Rate Committee meeting was held on May 1, 2012.
Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Robert Stevens.

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

Present: Leon Welch, guest Hunt Engineering
Minutes for April 3rd, 2012 meeting approved with a motion T. Evans, second by M. Prentice. Carried.

J. Tornatore spoke of being approached by a Brook Street resident regarding the repeated flooding issue; Tornatore contacted Municipal Solutions, and Elaine Jardine of Tioga County Planning regarding funding available: county is filing request to HUD for block grants for "water infrastructure issues in Tioga County". Tornatore instructed MS to begin preliminary paperwork to HUD at no cost to Village; paperwork will note initial engineering costs.

Issue appears to be width and height varies in the ditch underneath. 4' gravel height choked the flow. How far back to go? Easements needed?

Brief discussion about past mention by Senator Libious regarding assistance from Corps of Engineers, but time frame is very vague. Also years ago DOT wanted to clean out under state bridge but DEC objected as disturbed fish. If DOT cleaning out under the bridge solves the issue, then DEC has to be told that cleaning out is needed. Congressman Hanna leaving office, now the rep is out of Corning area. R. Stevens stated a preliminary engineering report is needed, and board members are not hydrology experts.

L. Welch, from HUNT, had handouts regarding additional work. Review of the handouts, which gave pros and cons associated with each approach of bid vs change order. Handouts also gave tentative schedule of completion. Discussion among group was of need to be more detailed in guidelines & expectations, and of vigilance during this additional work. W. Foster of DPW stated more stringent guidelines in a contract, i.e. having task work checked by HUNT or DPW before completion of that task.

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J. Tornatore stated at next Village Board meeting (MAY 8th) issue needs to be presented of bid vs change order to be on timetable. HUNT to be present at Board meeting, w strong suggestion that Kane be represented as well.

R. Stevens asked for consensus of Rate members: each member polled, with J. Tornatore abstaining. Recommendation was that change work order be completed w/Kane Construction, with specific expectations.

J. Tornatore asked L. Welch that anything sent to Municipal Solutions should be sent to Village Attorney as well.

Brief discussion of water billing comparison of village & town usage, and debt service figures. W. Foster to compare figures of town mid May when readings for June billing are done. NY Leak Detection monies in budget for next year and they will be back soon to recheck leaks. W. Foster suspects service valve to house may be most of leak issues, even if pinpoint leak.

R. Stevens asked L. Welch to jog C. Franzese's memory regarding issue of insulated tanks.

J. Tornatore discussed letter from Town Supervisor regarding shared services issues.

M. Prentice brought up question of landlord regarding having three meters in apt. duplex. This will be work in progress for next meeting.

R. Stevens asked for motion to adjourn. Motion by M. Prentice, second by Wm. Foster. Adjourned at 8:15 PM.


Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 5th