

Meeting of the Village Water/Sewer Commissioners

Monday, October 27th, 2014

43 S Main Street, Main Street Fire Station

Present: P.H. Flanders, R. Finucane, Commissioners; B. Shepeluk, Manager; A. Tuscany, Public Works Director

Public: Peter Kulis

Flanders called the meeting of the Water and Sewer Commissioners to order at 4:40pm.

The board reviewed the agenda and no changes were made. No public comment was made.

The Commissioners considered information about generating power in the water distribution pipes. Tuscany is requesting to submit an application for a planning advance grant from the DEC to develop a basis for design for three hydroelectric power facilities. The cost for the study is \$11,000.00. **Finucane moved to apply for a planning advance grant applications for the development of a basis of design for three hydroelectric power facilities. Flanders seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed unanimously.**

The Commissioners discussed amendments 2 and 3 for construction phase engineering contracts for the phosphorus project at the wastewater treatment plant. **Finucane move to approve the amendments as discussed and Flanders seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed unanimously.**

There was a long discussion about the Sweet Rd. solar array and the contract for power and credits from Green Lantern. No action was taken.

The manager updated the board about a potential agreement with the State of Vermont for water and sewer fees for the new state complex. He stated that given the new rates, he was in the process of bringing the spreadsheet up to date. The goal is to complete the necessary updates by December and be in a position to negotiate with the State of VT.

Tuscany updated the board on the progress towards the reconstruction of Main St and its impact on the water and sewer departments. Flanders wondered whether property owners along Main St. who have not signed quit claim deeds should have to pay a fee for connection service.

There was brief discussion about planning for the retirement of the PWD. Tuscany indicated that some consideration should be given to hiring a new full time employee to be shared between the water and wastewater departments.

The board reviewed the monthly progress reports of public works department. The reports for the water and sewer departments were not available.

Finucane moved to approve the minutes of the October 27 meeting with no corrections. Flanders seconded the motion, a vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Water and Sewer Commissioners was adjourned at 6:28pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 29 at 43 South Main Street (Fire Station/ Municipal Office).

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Nelson, Utilities Billing Clerk

Approved by: _____ Date: _____