

**Meeting of the Village Water/Sewer Commissioners
Monday February 23rd, 2015
Main Street Fire Station, 43 South Main Street**

Present: P. H. Flanders, R. Finucane, and C. Parks, Commissioners; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; A. Tuscany, Public Works Director; B. Woodruff, Water Superintendent; C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Chris Viens

The meeting was called to order at 4:34pm.

CONSIDER MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no modifications.

PUBLIC

No comments from the public.

MONTHLY REPORTS

B. Woodruff reported that February has been a typical month. There were high flows after a water line burst at the State Complex. Property owners are dealing with frozen pipes and meters. A discussion was held with regard to welding the pipes. VLCT has issued a report on appropriate methods to thaw pipes and suggested off-loading the liabilities the third party private contractors.

DISCUSSION OF FLUORIDATION

C. Viens was present to discuss fluoride in the water system. He did some online research and distributed information in opposition to fluoride. Cancer is prevalent, and he believes that is due to what is ingested. He stated that approximately 140 Towns in the State have removed fluoride from their water systems.

B. Woodruff stated that the Water Department receives 1 or 2 calls per year about fluoride, mostly from young mothers. Most doctors give fluoride if it is not in the water system.

C. Parks stated that there are standards as to how much fluoride can be in the water based on public health studies, and no one attributes incidents of cancer to fluoride levels. She indicated that current levels are .7ppm which is a small amount. She is seeing Towns moving towards fluoridation versus away from it. She suggested that C. Viens speak with the toxicologist at the State Health Department.

MONTHLY REPORTS (cont'd)

The wastewater report was reviewed by A. Tuscany. A discussion was held about the systems related to Waterbury Commons. P. H. Flanders indicated that the Commissioners may be inclined to not take over the sewer system. A. Tuscany suggested that if the Village did take over the system, that they could request a warranty period. A. Tuscany stated that he will invite P. Arnot to the next Commissioners meeting, in lieu of meeting with him later this week.

Staff met with State officials on the status of the finances for the phosphorus project. The Village of Waterbury Water/Sewer Commissioners approved the submittal of the FY2016 Pollution Control Projects Priority List Application.

DISCUSSION OF USE OF RESERVE FUNDS

W. Shepeluk stated that there is approximately \$800,000 in the water investment portfolio, and far less in the sewer portfolio. P. H. Flanders asked about the purpose of the fund. W. Shepeluk stated it started as a capital fund, and will ask for some management analysis. He further stated that the income is being used as part of the budget, so if the portfolio is reduced the income will be reduced as well.

MINUTES

R. Finucane made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26th meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Parks and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Village Clerk

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

