

Northport Village Corporation
Utilities Committee
March 10, 2006

Minutes

Present were: Chairman David Crofoot, Superintendent Dick McElhaney, Jane Strauss, Peter Spollett and Judy Metcalf by telephone, and Karen Hoedtke. Also attending were Dick and Margaret Brockway, Richard MacKinnon, Ed Williams and Ned Lightner.

Metcalf moved and Spollett seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be approved.
Voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Sewer Department:

January Monitoring Data: There were no license exceptions during January. Flow averaged 62,000 gpd; the high day was January 14th at 210,000 gpd when 1.2" of rain fell. TSS and BOD were well within normal limits.

Recalibration of Flow Meter: Moore Septic pumped down the settling tanks so that Stultz Electric could confirm and recalibrate the flow meter to correct the 1.1" zero offset error which McElhaney had discovered with the Village's dipstick. Because of the error in the flow meter, the reported excesses for January and February probably were, in fact, not real.

TV Camera Inspection Quotations of Selected Sewer Lines: Ted Berry, Inc. will inspect manholes March 28th to refine their quote for inspecting sewer lines on Cobe Road, Clinton Avenue, Merithew Square and North Street. The actual camera inspection of 3,000 – 4,000' of lines will most likely take place during late March into April when the highest flows of groundwater generally occur.

pH meter: A new pH meter is needed to replace the current one which is not functioning properly. A 420-A Orion that is DEP and QA/QC approved will cost around \$500 - \$600.

Water Department:

January Operating Data: Water consumption during January averaged 12,625 gpd compared to 11,829 for the same time last year; the high day was the 25th at 13,228.

Sargent & Sargent Payment: \$5,000 was held back from the final payment to Sargent & Sargent to ensure that all items on the punch list had been satisfactorily completed. This outstanding debt should be paid with the funds coming from the Phase II savings account.

Overall Policy on New Sewer Connections: Crofoot moved and Metcalf seconded to empower McElhaney to communicate with the DEP/EPA regarding their attitude toward new connections to our system, what constitutes an expansion, and what limitations on expansion are imposed by the 301-H Waiver. **Voted, 4 – 0.**

Revision of Utility Ordinance: No discussion until the reply from the DEP/EPA noted above is received.

Office Report: There were 23 shut-off notices mailed. There was one shut-off but the bill was paid the same day and the water turned back on; there are 13 seasonal customers from whom we have requested payment in full by March 31st.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Hoedtke