



## Minutes of the NVC Utilities Committee

2:30 pm • May 8, 2020 • Zoom

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### Attendees:

David Crofoot: Chair  
Miles Frieden: Overseer  
Mike Lannan: Overseer  
Judy Metcalf: Overseer  
Richard McElhaney: Utility Superintendent  
Bill Paige: Village Agent  
Tim Sawtelle: Dirigo Engineering

**Meeting called to order at: 2:33 pm**

### Approval of minutes:

### Review and Approval of Minutes

- David C. motions to accept the minutes, Judy M seconds.
  - Judy M. motions for Nina R. to amend wording in the Superintendent's Report section that states "Judy states that one person called regarding the new rates" to use the word "comment" instead. Vote is all in favor, one opposed (Michael L.)
  - No comments from the public.
- **Superintendent's Report**
  - David C. discusses the kerosene spills. A homeowner at 12 Auditorium Park had 100 gallons of kerosene delivered which ended up in the water system. Clean Harbors was brought in to cleanup the spills. The DEP has been over, the oil and water have been pumped out of the basement. An investigation was completed but could not find the cause. The homeowner is changing to propane. DEP will cover the costs of the cleanup, approximately \$10,000.
  - Richard M. states that the mitigation costs will be covered at the wastewater treatment plants, as well as cleanup costs for the homeowner. The tank was condemned at the home.
  - David C. states that the Nitrate and Nitrite testing was completed, well below MCL. Test is done annually.
  - David C. states that there was a water leak on Lower Main Street where the pipe was split and has been repaired.
  - David C. states that the Consumer Confidence and Water Quality Report is available.
- **Financial Report**
  - David C. states that there is \$11,000 outstanding in water billing, and \$9,000 outstanding in sewer billing.

### New Business:

- Bid on Wastewater Treatment Building
  - Judy M. asks Tim S. to review the bid that was received from Apex.

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- Tim S. states that the numbers are very high; may be able to have it re-bid, but not sure how that would go as all contractors have a backlog right now.
- General consensus is that the bid from Apex is higher than expected.
- Cost-savings options could be for NVC to be their own general contractor, or find a smaller, local contractor to handle with subcontractors.
- Extensive discussion among all attendees regarding interest in the project, costs of certain line items in the bids, item overlap with the Seawall Project, re-bidding vs renegotiating, approaching Farley regarding certain aspects of the project since on the Seawall Project, EPA deadline and requesting additional time due to certain issues.
- There was discussion about which flood zone they are located in; it is determined it is in the VE zone. Michael L. questions the requirement for a breakaway design.
- Tim S. was asked to design the building with a 7' ceiling instead of 8'.
- Tim S. will negotiate with Apex to try to get to \$200,000 target, have answer by May 15<sup>th</sup>, then talk to Farley about options. Get answers to the Utility Committee by May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Next meeting is June 12<sup>th</sup>, want to add a meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, to go over Tim S. findings.

### Public Comments

- Craig B. states that is he a retired electrical contractor and thinks that the electrical costs in the bid are extremely high.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 4:03 pm

**The next Utilities Committee Meeting is at 2:30 pm on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Meeting minutes submitted by Nina Richard.



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