

NVC Utilities Committee
Trust Meeting
Community Hall and by Zoom link
Friday, July 19, 2024, 2:30 P.M.

Trustees Present: Jeffrey Wilt, Judy Metcalf, David Crofoot, Brady Brim-DeForest, Casey Brown
Staff: Chuck Applebee, Bill Paige, Trish Parker

The July 2024 meeting of the NVC Utilities Trustees convened at 2:30, Utilities chair, Jeffrey Wilt called the meeting to order.

Community Comments: Alma Homola made the following comments: Suggests a contest to name the Pollution Prevention movement; Talking about possible help for the sewer, suggested offering free sink strainers and starting a community composting program. Scrap Dog was also mentioned. She also talked about how renting cottages has moved the estimated people per home from 2.7 to 12. Rachel Rosa asked about missing information on the NVC website and about garbage disposals.

Approval of Minutes:

Judy moved to approve the June minutes with the change of “Northport Village will bill each customer” under the “Water Department Rate Increase” heading. David seconded. The Motion was Approved Unanimously

Superintendent Report:

- There were no exceedances.
- Moore’s Septic pumped the first two tanks on each train March 27th, 2024 and all tanks on 6/28/24.
- EPA Renewal application was submitted on 11/29/23.
- There was 3.79 inches of rain in June.
- There was a single day flow recorded at 440,660 gallons on 6/29/24 when we received 1.07 inches of rain in a very short period.
- Influent Load Testing and before chemical addition study is underway.

Judy moved to add a One Time Meter Replacement Fee” to each customer’s bill in the amount of \$328.91 to purchase new water meters and this would apply to all Water customers. Brady seconded the motion. Discussion to offer a hardship payment plan and also the possibility of hiring 1 plumber to install all the new meters when they are replaced. **The Motion was Approved Unanimously.**

Financials: Financials were reviewed and discussed.

Judy moved that the following expenses paid in 2022 to be drawn from the USDA Reserves account, instead of the Sewer general operating account to be acknowledged as the following:

<u>Sludge Removal</u>	<u>\$27,265.00</u>
<u>Supplies/Chemicals</u>	<u>\$13,554.30</u>
<u>Bayside Marine</u>	<u>\$1,907.82</u>

Seconded by Casey. The Motion was Approved Unanimously.

2025 Water Budget The 2025 Water Budget was reviewed.

Judy moved to approve the proposed 2025 Water Budget. Dave seconded. The Motion was Approved Unanimously.

Other Business: Discussion of the New Water Application Fee

Judy moved to Move the Application for New Water fee to \$600. David seconded. The Motion was Approved Unanimously.

Community Comments:

Rachel Rosa wanted to remind the Trustees that there would need to be an adjustment of the 2024 budget to reflect the Grant. She questioned how to pay for the new meters out of what money is now available. She asked when would the sewer sludge be pumped again and have we reached out to MCOG.

Jeffrey Wilt acknowledged that the Trustees group will be changing due to the election coming in August and 2 of the Overseers that are appointed to the Trustees are not rerunning in this election.

The next meeting of the Trustees is a **August 16, 2:30 p.m.**, Community Hall and on-line (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82961508196?pwd=ekpzTlZcml3cnJEZmlHRmlwR3ZSZz09>)

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Parker

NVC Office Manager