

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Joseph Carr, Lauren Tackman, Deborah Kite and Joseph Domachowske, DPW Superintendent Doug Riggs, Engineer Bob Guminiak.

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Youmans at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance

WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE: Mayor Youmans opened the meeting by explaining that the USDA recently sent a letter asking if the Village was still interested in borrowing money for the water upgrade project that was considered last year. At that time the project was defeated by referendum vote and the projected funds and grant from USDA were not available. The USDA funds are once again available, however the grant is not. Mayor Youmans asked Mal Davis to be involved in this project as information is collected.

Mal Davis asked the Village Board to decide whether the project is something they still want to do. It has to be revised. The most important items need to be included. A new contract between the engineer and the Village will be needed. Going through the whole process as previously will be necessary including a Bond Resolution and a vote. He feels the areas of necessity are: a new back-up well, a generator and painting the water tank. Water meters and replacing some of the old lines could possibly wait.

Engineer Bob Guminiak stated that the funds from Rural Development were available at 2 ½ % but went up to 2 7/8% on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The project needs to be scaled back and find out what is important to the public.

1. The well-house project includes a back-up generator, modifications to the building, a meter paced chlorinator and telemetry that will turn water on and off by radio signals.
2. Meters will give residents an incentive to repair leaks. This will decrease the usage of water and save on chemicals, time and energy costs for the water system. Some municipalities have cut their water usage by up to 50% after installing water meters. He reminded the Board that outside users were not included in the Rural Development funding and easements and agreements would be necessary to obtain.
3. A new back up well is recommended to ensure adequate water delivery to residents if the main well fails. A hydro-geologist would be hired to locate the new well.
4. Painting the Water Storage Tank was discussed as well as possible replacement. An area off Gale Rd was discussed as a possible site due to elevation and location to village lines necessary for proper flow. Land would need to be purchased. Painting the tank may cost approx. \$500,000-700,000 and will need repainting in approx. 20-30 years. A new tank may cost approx. 1 million, is glass lined and would eliminate painting. He also feels that the current tank, as determined from the latest tank inspection report, could be spot painted for now, possibly waiting a few more years to paint entire tank. A capital reserve fund should be started now to plan for the large expense.
5. The Water Distribution Replacement of the 4" lines on portions of Center Street and Sand Street were discussed. It was suggested that it could wait or be a future Village in-house project.
6. Extending water to Bernhards Bay was also discussed. The Village could offer more affordable water to this area, approx. 13,000 ft.

Mal Davis asked the Board to decide if they will move ahead. An updated proposal will be needed from the engineer. Public meetings will be needed as well as preparing a Bond Resolution for a public hearing. Then the public will need to decide if they would be in favor of the proposed project to upgrade the Village's Water System.

The Board decided that the three most important items to improve the Water System at this time would be:

1. Well Improvements including a backup generator, chlorine pump, telemetry and modifications to building.
2. New Backup well
3. Meters

The Mayor asked Board Members to start discussing the Water System Upgrade project with Village residents to help convey the necessity of keeping this secure affordable commodity, our water, available for many years to come. He asked Bob Guminiak to prepare for informational meetings to present the project to the public.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Next regular Board Meeting: Tues. April 12, 2011 at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Mayor Youmans made motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm, seconded by Trustee Kite, all in favor.

Submitted by Phyllis Sweeten/Clerk Treasurer 4/5/11