

PRESENT: Mayor Youmans, Trustees Debbie Kite, Joseph Domachowske, John Hinds and Laureen Tackman, Village Attorney Allison Nelson, Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey, Town Councilmen Richard Colesante, Tom Moran and John Metzger, Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Commission, Engineers Mike Parker and Eric Pond, and several residents.

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

Mayor Youmans opened the public meeting by informing those present that the Village must do what the Health Department dictates. Some of the items that are planned for this joint project are items that the Health Department indicates as necessary for the Village Water System. He continued, stating the Village plans to work together with the Town of Constantia, it being the most financially viable way to do the necessary things for the water system and keep costs down. The Village has a good water system and a way will be found to make this project work.

Eric Pond, an engineer with Barton & Loguidice who is working with the Town of Constantia's Bernhards Bay Water Project, began by showing a power point presentation with highlights as follows:

- Village has great water supply and distribution system
- OCWA is not taking over Village Water System but would bring OCWA water to those in the Bernhard's Bay Water District.
- Constantia seeking to improve funding package for Bernhard's Bay Water District
- Cleveland's proposed water improvements are stalled due to funding levels
- Town & Village will work together to leverage better funding and save money
- Needs for Constantia: The Bernhard's Bay Water District project would replace many contaminated individual wells; after survey done many respondents were in favor of the project; current project scoring not sufficient without joint project. The interconnection planned would allow OCWA to loop the lake and close the gap.
- Needs for the Village: Replacement of undersized water mains, install water meters, water tower rehabilitation, install generator for well site and new back-up well.
- Needs for Oneida Lake Community: OCWA interconnect would be a second source of water in an emergency. Project is important on a macro political level regarding funding.
- Estimated cost for the Water District if it goes for funding alone would be approx \$729.43 per EDU
- Estimated cost for the Village improvements if goes alone for funding with a \$94,000 water reserve contribution would be an additional cost of \$89.26 per EDU.
- Advantages if joint project is funded would be: \$630 vs \$730 for the district and \$60 vs \$90 for the Village.
- The next step is to prepare a PER for the joint project and submit to DOH/EFC by August 2012. If joint project score is at or above funding line a Hardship Application will be submitted to proceed with project development.
- There must be enough interest in this project to make it work.

Other items discussed:

- Trustee Kite asked about debt charge. Constantia would be lead agency and bond with inter-municipal agreement. Village would pay debt service each year. No maintenance fee to OCWA. Only charge if interconnect is used in emergency. OCWA charges \$60./yr for hydrant upkeep. Constantia assesses these charges on taxes at approx. \$12/EDU. Cleveland should not be charged for Constantia's hydrant cost.
- Sherry Kaderli asked if a study would need to be done: Eric Pond stated that a \$10,000 (approx.) study would be done. The cost to be shared by both Town and Village.
- Trustee Hinds pointed out the items as stated previously that need to be addressed pertaining to the Village Water System, including the water tower, undersized water main replacement due to lack of fire flow, water main replacement under dock, meters, emergency well or interconnect; fireman need pressure, if tank is empty the fire flow is compromised, need modern up to date telemetry, need automatic start generator at the well and new chlorine storage due to corrosion. The water bond will be paid in 2017. Trustee Hinds feels the \$60./yr increase for water to each water customer due to this project will be reduced in a few short years by the debt elimination of approx \$45. when the water bond is paid off, leaving the increase of approx \$15.

- Mayor Youmans suggested that when meters are implemented consumption drops. This will cut down on the sewage going into the treatment plant and further reduce costs.
- Allison Nelson, the Village Attorney said that the Village wide water system is similar to a district and will not need to form another district.
- Mal Davis reminded those present that the customers on the west-side of the Village recently replaced the old waterline and paid for it themselves. The Village was committed to continue service to the east-side customers many-many years ago when the Village bought the district. Cleveland had been the only one providing water on the North Shore. OCWA can not parallel or compete with the Village lines in the Town of Vienna. These details still need to be worked out.
- John Hinds and Mike Parker stated that if OCWA were to take over the Cleveland System all costs due to changes to the system would be paid by the Cleveland residents as was done in Marcellus and Central Square.
- Village residents will be allowed to vote at a referendum regarding the joint project
- Supervisor Gilkey wants to move forward and make a decision regarding funding a joint project.
- Mal Davis feels that the Village and the Town of Constantia should work together allowing the Village to supply water to Bernhard's Bay...not OCWA. Cleveland can supply water cheaper to Bernhard's Bay. Also Cleveland would not exist without sewers. Once water is provided, sooner or later Bernhard's Bay will have a problem with sewage. Another point was made regarding OCWA water. The one intake from Lake Ontario, if ever damaged has no plan to mitigate a disaster. He asked Constantia, before going forward with the present proposed project, to consider these things. Cleveland's Water System has the ability to provide water to Bernhard's Bay.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor Youmans made motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Kite, all in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Board Meeting/Public Hearing: Tues Mar 13, 2012 6:30 pm, Village Hall

Submitted by Phyllis Sweeten/Clerk Treasurer 3/13/2012