

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Christine Schreiber, Lauren Tackman, Joe Domachowske and Scott Williams, DPW Chief Zack Avery, Randy Blowers, Jack Dodson, Adam Keller, County Legislator Roy Reehil and Paul Baxter.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Mayor Youmans at 5:00 pm.

Jack Dodson began by stating the Village had held a public meeting to discuss the \$3.8 million project and then held a work meeting to discuss reducing the scope of the project. He stated the original offer was a hardship offer of \$8 million with 0% interest based on the target service charge of \$650.00 based on an MHI of almost \$50,000. Mayor Youmans inquired if we definitely needed the OCWA interconnect and Jack responded its beneficial for a secondary water source. Discussion followed regarding the current 10" transmission mains that are over 100 years old and the need to upgrade them to 12" for fire flow. The Board stated we want to keep our own source of water and only use the inter-connect in case of an emergency. Jack went on to discuss the cost factors of rehabbing the elevated tank vs. a new ground level tank that would require site work. The question arose about tying the 2 systems together (Village and OCWA). Jack responded OCWA is there for back up only and we have to pay for that.

Mayor Youmans went back to the origin of the project stating the Health Dept. has ordered the Village to make upgrades to the water storage tank and some safety issues with the tower. The tank is lead covered and needs to be repainted and the inside of the tank needs re-coating. Mr. Dodson stated we have a couple options with the tank. We can re-coat it rather than stripping it and repainting, and that lasts about 10-15 years. If there is lead abatement, then the cost would be higher and if it was recoated then it would last about 30 years. Mayor Youmans asked about the bolted steel tank? He stated the costs run about \$290,000 plus the cost of the site work. Jack replied it is a good option, but we would need to do site work at the well to prep for it and the new tank now takes fire flow out of the Village by about 1 mile. We need to balance the height of the tank with the pressure. Another option would be a new tank at the well, smaller diameter pipe and the inter-connect. He stated it is less expensive for the Village to pump our own water and that we are only utilizing OCWA as a back-up. Mayor Youmans stated the Village wants to maintain our Village, keep water rates low and offer our residents good, cheap water. Mr. Reehil suggested doing a cost analysis of what it would be to just re-do the tank and if we put in a new tank and the work that is associated with that. We need to know the cost breakdown. Jack pointed out we should have a response by December if we received a grant. Resident Randy Blower inquired about the need for OCWA. We need them as a back-up. Jack also stated that meters will be mandated by the DEC if a new water source permit is out. Discussion followed regarding the necessity of meters. The Mayor feels it is more fair to residents. Further discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of the meters and the idea of putting in a new water storage tank. The board then agreed they all want to keep the existing water storage tank. Jack confirmed that the board no longer was interested in a \$3.8 million project and that they would now look at the minimum as far as a project, which could be about \$650,000. He will run a life cycle cost and price out what it would cost to just do the mandated tank rehab. He stated the back up well can pump enough water to meet domestic flow. He will work on figures and Mayor Youmans stated the board will hold off until we hear on the grants. Trustee Williams inquired as to how much time the Health Dept. will give us to move on this. Jack stated likely by the Spring or Summer we need to have a decision. Mr. Reehil suggested raising the water rates slightly and put that money in reserves. The Mayor stated we need to keep the infrastructure going. He also inquired as to how other municipalities pay for this debt. Jack responded most put it on the property tax bill, but it's up to the municipality. The final decision was to hold off on deciding the scope of the project until we hear about the grant. Mayor Youmans made a motion to adjourn at 6:30pm, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.