

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
WATER COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

Board Members Present:

David Rose, Chair Robert Gilmore Ron Bixby

Staff Present:

Frank Heald Chuck Craig

Call to Order:

A. David Rose called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Approve Minutes:

a. MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by Ron Bixby to accept the minutes from January 5, 2016 as presented. All in favor and the motion passed.

Comments from Citizens:

a. None present.

Discuss Water Turbidity Issues:

- a. Frank Heald said that after the testing of the water flows this past weekend, a homeowner complained of murky water.
- b. Ron Bixby said the homeowner talked with him and was concerned about the color of his water filter, but said the water was fine. Ron said the homeowner did not want to attend the meeting but did ask if the Water Commission would pay for his water filters.
- c. Frank Heald said this is an interesting case. He believes the turbid water happens at this particular property when the water is flushed because there are two water pressure plates with the Strong Tank and Godfrey Tank that go in different directions, rather than just one direction.
- d. David Rose said that we have purchased water filters and a water heater in the past at this location.
- e. Robert Gilmore said there were occasions back when he owned his restaurant that he was not able to use the water after flushing, until they ran it clean.
- f. Frank Heald said customers need to run their water until it clears.
- g. Ron Bixby said this homeowner was very cordial about the issue but says there is a problem.
- h. Chuck Craig said they have tried isolating a valve so the water would run in one direction. He said when they did this the water was much better, but it would impede fire flows.
- i. Robert Gilmore recommended the Water Commission look into the cost of water filters and table this discussion until the next meeting.
- j. Ron Bixby said he will look into the cost of water filters and report back for the next meeting.

Other Business:

- a. Frank Heald said Chuck Craig passed out copies of the monthly water use.
- b. Chuck Craig said last month's numbers were punched into the program incorrectly.
- c. David Rose asked if there are any water projects in the future.
- d. Frank Heald said Terrace Avenue and Okemo Heights need to be paved, but we should do the water first.
- e. Chuck Craig said that Meadow Street was brought up by the engineers in the water study.
- f. Frank Heald said High Street should be the next project.
- g. Ron Bixby asked if Water Department wanted to look into purchasing their own water flow meter to perform the flow checks.
- h. Chuck Craig said they do have a pressure gauge set up and would just need the meter.

Set Date for Next Meeting:

- a. Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

Possible Executive Session Personnel/Contracts/Legal:

- a. Not needed.

Adjourn:

- a. MOTION to adjourn by Robert Gilmore and seconded by Ron Bixby. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Recording Secretary

David Rose, Chairman

Robert Gilmore

Ronald Bixby