

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW  
WATER COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 5, 2010  
5:00 pm**

**Board Present:**

David Rose, Richard Strong, John Murphy, Sr.

**Staff Present:**

Frank Heald, Loran Greenslet

**Others Present:**

David VanGuilder, Sr.

**Call to Order:**

David Rose called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

**Approve Minutes:**

- a. *Motion by Richard Strong and seconded by John Murphy to approve the minutes from September 7, 2010. All in favor and the motion passed.*

**Comments from Citizens:**

- a. None

**Water Connection Request:**

- a. David Rose reported that there was a request for connection from David VanGuilder of 93 O'Connor Hill Road.
- b. David VanGuilder said he wanted to address the board regarding curbstops. He said his curb stop was installed, but Markowski Excavating was told to remove the pipe. Mr. VanGuilder indicated that the pipe was cooper and he had a verbal agreement with David Markowski to dig, but later found out he may not be able to get water.
- c. David VanGuilder asked why Markowski Excavating was told to bury the pipe. He said he does not have the equipment to dig and asked if the Water Department was going to do it.
- d. Frank Heald said they will only go to the curbstop.
- e. David Rose said the policy is to go to the curbstop.
- f. Frank Heald said neither the engineer nor David Markowski support Mr. VanGuilder's discussion about copper pipe and digging a new line. Mr. Heald said the engineer told him it was a plastic blow off pipe.
- g. Frank Heald said he would be happy to bring them both in for the next meeting.
- h. Loran Greenslet said the pipe was a contractor pipe that was put into the ground for disinfection and was just for contractor use.

- i. John Murphy said according to the Water Ordinance, Section 7 says that cost shall be the responsibility of the consumer. Mr. Murphy asked Loran Greenslet why the pipe was removed.
- j. Loran Greenslet said he had not filed an application and said they have had problems in the past with other people hooking-on. He also said the contractor owns the pipe and it was only put there for disinfection.
- k. David Rose said the pipe was only installed for construction purposes, the contractor owns the pipe and it is now removed. He said it is not the Village's responsibility to dig for Mr. VanGuilder.
- l. David VanGuilder said he was under the impression it was his hook-on.
- m. Frank Heald said the way it was represented to him is that the plastic pipe the contractor used was also used in other locations. Once they were finished they removed the pipe.
- n. David VanGuilder said Markowski asked me where I wanted the hydrant and curbstop, so that's where they put it. While they were digging Mr. VanGuilder said he talked with Mr. Markowski who said he would dig it for him when they came back again.
- o. Frank Heald said that is not what he was told.
- p. David Rose asked for a motion for Mr. VanGuilder's water connection.
- q. **Motion by John Murphy and seconded by Richard Strong to approve the water connection application for David VanGuilder of 93 O'Connor Hill Road. All in favor and the motion passed.**
- r. Frank Heald said the approval would be in accordance with the conditions of the approval letter and he will need to sign it and mail it back to the office.
- a. David VanGuilder said there was another problem he wanted to bring to the board's attention. He said the berm that ran across the road is gone. Mr. VanGuilder said Ron Tarbell came up to put the berm in to keep the water in the brook.
- b. David Rose said it is a grading problem that can be fixed, so it will be put on the to-do list.
- c. David VanGuilder thanked the Water Commissioners.

**Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union Request:**

- a. David Rose said there was a request from the Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union asking that the water fees be waived.
- b. David Rose said he is not in favor of this because they have an obligation to ratepayers of the water system. He said it would place the burden unfairly on the users of these utilities.
- c. John Murphy said he agreed.
- d. **Motion by John Murphy and seconded by Richard Strong to deny the Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union's request. All in favor and the motion passed.**

**Water Project Update:**

- a. Frank Heald reported that the project is coming together and is close to being finished. He said they will be paving on Thursday through next Tuesday. Mr. Heald said there may be some things that will not be finished until next summer.

- b. Frank Heald said the “valve guy” will be here early next week and the water tank should be full some time this week. They need to do a 24-hour leak test and then will backfill once the test passes.
- c. Richard Strong said to be sure they test very carefully.
- d. Frank Heald said based on the water flow numbers right now, we may receive an additional 10% loan forgiveness.
- e. Loran Greenslet said in the past the flows have been 370,000 to 380,000 and are now down to 240,000.
- f. Frank Heald showed the Water Commissioner’s a piece of pipe that was pulled out.

**Other Business:**

- a. None.

**Set Date for October Meeting:**

- a. Next meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, November 1, 2010.

**Adjourn:**

- a. ***Motion to adjourn by John Murphy and seconded by Richard Strong. All in favor and the motion passed***
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank  
Recording Secretary

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David Rose, Chairman

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Richard Strong

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John Murphy, Sr.