

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
WATER COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2009

Board Present:

David Rose, John Murphy, Richard Strong

Staff Present:

Frank Heald, Pam Cruickshank

Others Present:

Mark Youngstrom, Otter Creek Engineering

Call to Order:

David Rose called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm

Approve Minutes:

Richard Strong made a motion to approve the minutes from February 3, 2009 and February 10, 2009. Motion was seconded by John Murphy. All in favor and the motion passed.

Comments from Citizens:

None present.

Water Project Update:

- a. Frank Heald said he invited Mark Youngstrom of Otter Creek Engineering to the meeting to give an update on the Water Project.
- b. Mark Youngstrom reported that the plans and specs are now complete and all permit applications are in place. They are waiting for the memorandum of understanding and once received, they will send it to Rural Development. He added that they are in a holding pattern, with the exception of the funding.
- c. Mark Youngstrom said the State of Vermont will receive \$20 million in stimulus money and they have signed a form to place the water project on the top of the priority list. Mark added that on March 20th the state will publish a new priority list and he will attend the meeting to see where the water project ranks. Mark explained that the state will hold the priority list for a few months and those projects that have not gone to construction will move down the list. He said that there will be a \$2 million cap for any one applicant. If \$2 million or more is needed the scenario could be 50% from a grant and/or 50% loan at 1% interest.
- d. David Rose asked when the Village would be able to go to bid.
- e. Mark Youngstrom explained that after the March 20th meeting, they will know how best to fund the project and go out to bid by Mid-April.
- f. Frank Heald said that the water project really needs to go to bid earlier.

- g. Mark Youngstrom said that it the bid could be advertised in early April with the bid opening in early May.
- h. David Rose asked we could go out to bid sooner.
- i. Mark Youngstrom explained that a 30-day construction notice needs to be advertised so Disadvantage Business Enterprises could be notified. The project could still go out to bid during the 30 days.
- j. John Murphy asked how many projects would apply for the stimulus money.
- k. Mark Youngstrom said \$20 million worth, but didn't know how many.
- l. John Murphy asked if the Village's low water rate structure would have any effect on the funding.
- m. Mark Youngstrom said it will have no effect on the stimulus. He said they could always go through Rural Development for funding, but they would need to do one or the other (Rural Development or Economic Stimulus).
- n. Frank Heald asked how many projects are engineered and ready to go.
- o. Mark Youngstrom said that Ludlow is in good shape.
- p. John Murphy asked if there was any reason that this project would be denied.
- q. Mark Youngstrom said that priority would be given to projects with major problems such as contaminated water, filtration systems that are falling apart or water source problems.
- r. Richard Strong asked how the hook-on selections to the transmission line will be picked as they go down the line during the construction.
- s. Mark Youngstrom said that at a point in time two transmission mains will have water and they will switch over before the old line is abandoned.
- t. Richard Strong asked if anything has been said from the Town regarding hydrants.
- u. Frank Heald said that they will make the necessary decision about hydrants in the Town when they come to it.
- v. Richard Strong asked if the hydrant on Freedom Hill had been shoveled out. He said it was a steep bank and difficult to get to.
- w. Frank Heald said he would check with Loran and his staff.
- x. David Rose asked if there were any additional questions.
- y. Frank Heald wanted the Water Commissioners to be aware he will be out of the office from March 13-23 and they should plan to meet on March 24th to update Village residents at Village Meeting.

Adjourn:

John Murphy made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Richard Strong. All in favor and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Acting Clerk

David Rose, Chairman

Richard Strong

John Murphy, Sr.