

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW  
WATER COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 5, 2012  
5:00 pm**

**Board Present**

David Rose, Robert Gilmore,

**Staff Present**

Frank Heald, Loran Greenslet

**Call to Order**

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

**Approve Minutes**

- a. MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by David Rose to approve the minutes from May 1, 2012 as presented. All in favor and the motion passed.

**Comments from Citizens**

- a. No comments.

**Review & Act Upon Request from Aaron Lacharite**

- a. Frank Heald said he received a letter of request from a homeowner who experienced flooding in the basement due to problems he believes was related to a water leak and sudden changes in the water pressure.
- b. David Rose asked about the water line to the house.
- c. Loran Greenslet said 70' of pipe would be needed and his staff may be able to do the work by pulling the old pipe and inserting the new pipe.
- d. MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by David Rose to reimburse Aaron Lacharite \$441.04 and to repair the waterline at 27 Route 100 South. All in favor and the motion passed.

**Discuss Water Service Rate Increase**

- a. Frank Heald reported that a thorough review all of the residential and commercial water accounts has been completed. He said they had originally thought the basic 1-3 bedroom rate would be \$220 annually, but came out at \$170 resulting in a \$50 savings. He said residences with more than 3 bedrooms will see a per bedroom increase in their water rate.
- b. Frank Heald said they also looked at each commercial property from the smallest to the largest and noted that many of the rates do not make sense today. He said that based on the State tables a basic unit is 360 gallons per day. Anything over 360 gpd will have a water consumption charge.
- c. David Rose asked how the consumption rate would be set.
- d. Frank Heald said a restaurant for example would be based on the number of seats, number of employees and meals served. Retail is also square footage, employees, number of seats or whatever is applicable. He said all are based on the State tables.
- e. Frank Heald explained that 157 commercial properties will be charged a base rate and an additional \$0.60 per gallon over 360 gallons per day. Frank said they believe all of the rates are fair and equitably assessed.

<b>Residential # bedrooms</b>	<b>Rates</b>
1-3 Br	\$ 85.00
4-Br	\$ 95.00
5-Br	\$ 105.00
6-Br	\$ 115.00
7-Br	\$ 120.00
Residential Water Shut Off	\$ 15.00
<b>Commercial Water</b>	<b>Rates</b>
Water Consumption	\$ 0.60
Water Base Charge	\$ 110.00
Commercial Shut Off	\$ 15.00

- f. MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by David Rose to accept the proposed water rate increase as presented. All in favor and the motion passed.
- g. David Rose said it has been a while since the water hook-on fees have been increased.
- h. Frank Heald said it would normally cost the water department \$300 per hook on.
- i. MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by David Rose to increase the water hook-on rate to \$500 for the Village and \$1,500 for the Town. All in favor and the motion passed.

**Other Business**

- a. Loran Greenslet said that lightening knocked out the flow meter at the Snell Hill Building during the recent storm.
- b. Robert Gilmore asked if there as a lightning rod on the building.
- c. Loran Greenslet said that there was but the lightening can travel up the water pipe in the water.

**Set Date for Next Meeting:**

- a. Next meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

**Adjourn:**

- a. MOTION to adjourn by Robert Gilmore and seconded by David Rose. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank  
Recording Secretary

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David Rose, Chairman

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Robert Gilmore, Vice Chair

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Ronald Bixby, Clerk