

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LUDLOW WATER COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 2, 2012
5:00 pm

Board Present:

David Rose, Ron Bixby

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 Ron Bixby seconded by David Rose to approve the minutes from September 4, 2012 as presented. All in favor and the motion passed.

Comments from Citizens:

- a. None present.

Consider Water Abatement Request RE: Bueller's Inc.:

- a. David Rose said there was a request from Bueller's Inc., which is the former Christopher's at 145 Main Street to abate their water fees due to Tropical Storm Irene.
- b. Frank Heald said they have abated other flood victims.
- c. Loran Greenslet said he did not have a problem with the request.
- d. MOTION by Ron Bixby and seconded by David Rose to abate the water fees for Bueller's Inc. at 145 Main Street from Tropical Storm Irene to present. All in favor and the motion passed.

Water Mapping Project Update

- a. Loran Greenslet reported that the curb stop locations and hydrants are moving along. He said they are still collecting data.
- b. David Rose asked if the hydrants had been tested.
- c. Loran Greenslet said October 9th and back on October 11th if more time is needed. He said the process is to put a meter on it and check the pressures on the other hydrants.
- d. Loran Greenslet said they have an idea where the bad ones are located.
- e. Loran Greenslet said they just received the new water rates from the state and they have gone up. He added that the water flow has gone down.
- f. Frank Heald said the fees may be up, but we will pay less in the long run because we are using less water.
- g. Loran Greenslet said the state raised the fees without telling anyone. He said that his concern is the budget which was already approved, but won't reflect the increase.
- h. David Rose asked if more digging will need to be done this fall.

- i. Loran Greenslet said it would happen eventually. He added that they have six more hydrants to change out and to be sandblasted. He said with this process they can only do one at a time.
- j. David Rose asked if we can put money in the budge to address these extra expense issues with the valves.
- k. Loran Greenslet said the staff will try to do most in-house.
- l. David Rose said they can plan on doing some in the budget and add more line items for the hydrants and valves as a capital item;
- m. Frank Heald said they don't break out the labor if it is done in house.

Other Business

- a. Frank Heald said the South Hill water project is now complete and people are happy.
- b. David Rose asked about a pipe in the ditch as you drive up South Hill.
- c. Loran Greenslet said that will be cut down to round level.
- d. Frank Heald said the hydrant tops will be drained after the testing is finished.

Set Date for Next Meeting:

- a. Next meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

Adjourn:

- a. MOTION to adjourn by Ron Bixby and seconded by David Rose. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Recording Secretary

David Rose, Chairman

Robert Gilmore, Vice Chair

Ronald Bixby, Clerk