

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW  
WATER COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 2, 2010  
5:00 pm**

**Board Present:**

David Rose, Richard Strong, John Murphy, Sr.

**Staff Present:**

Frank Heald, Loran Greenslet Pam Cruickshank

**Others Present:**

Mark Youngstrom, Otter Creek Engineering

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Richard Strong made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2, 2010. Motion was seconded by John Murphy. All in favor and the motion passed.

**Comments from Citizens:**

None present.

**12" Well Update:**

- a. Loran Greenslet reported that during the period of January 25-31 there was a problem getting the water tank to fill. On February 4<sup>th</sup> the 12-inch well was started, using a manual valve to control the water flow. They let the well pump 100,000 gallons per day. At that point, the water tank at Godfrey Hill was down to 8 feet (approximately ½ tank). On February 8<sup>th</sup> the tank recovered, they ran the 12" well until February 23<sup>rd</sup> and shut the well down and close the valves at Caps.
- b. David Rose said the well worked fine and there was plenty of water. He asked if the Springs had recovered.
- c. Loran Greenslet said not really because this time of year (January & February) there is not as much water production. He added that it will come back around the middle of March.
- d. Loran Greenslet said the 6" well is offline now, but will be hooked-up in the spring so it would be available.
- e. David Rose asked if the decreased amount of ground water has happened in past years.
- f. Mark Youngstrom said it is not uncommon for ground water to lessen during the winter.

**Water Project Update:**

- a. Mark Youngstrom reported that Contract #1 with Markowski was behind schedule. They have held a series of meetings during the shutdown period to discuss the

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schedule. Mark said that as of the end of the construction period in 2009 57% of the contract period was used, along with 34% of the pipe.

- b. Mark Youngstrom explained that Markowski's plan in the spring was to postpone construction in Ludlow until June 1<sup>st</sup>, at which time they will bring down a full crew. He said that Markowski was planning to hire more crews (such as Belden Company) and expect to have as many as 5-6 crews working on Ludlow's water project.
- c. David Rose said the fact that Markowski has another project in the works is not Ludlow's problem and asked if the project started up on June 1<sup>st</sup> what was the completion date and if a financial penalty in place.
- d. Mark Youngstrom said the submitted schedule was the week of August 15<sup>th</sup> and the penalty would be \$700 to \$800 per day.
- e. Mark Youngstrom said he has talked with Markowski about doing the storm sewers on Andover Street and to repave the road. He added that Rural Development said the Andover Street project can be done under the current financing. They would need to extend the Markowski contract, provided they give us a good price.
- f. David Rose asked if the sewer and storm sewer project would start in August following the water project.
- g. Mark Youngstrom said yes.
- h. David Rose was concerned with the late start date of June 1<sup>st</sup>, which would put us into foliage traffic, etc. He asked to see the project start up a few weeks earlier.
- i. Mark Youngstrom said he would pass on the concerns and give Markowski an order to start in Mid-May.
- j. Frank Heald said at this point it will depend upon the number of crews they bring in. He added that the "crunch piece" is Andover Street because it is so busy with traffic.
- k. David Rose said by mid-May it would be dry around here.
- l. Mark Youngstrom said he will pass along that concern, especially if we are giving them more work at the end of the water project.
- m. David Rose said if they can't work out a price with Markowski would we go back out to bid.
- n. Frank Heald said several things should have been included in the original water project and that line is one because it is old and needs replacing. He said it is obvious the sewer pipe wasn't bedded back after the flood.
- o. Richard Strong said the pipe sits on an old river bed.
- p. John Murphy asked if the rain had put the project behind and if rainy days were written into the contract.
- q. Mark Youngstrom said they didn't anticipate how long it would take to lay the pipe, even with the equipment they have it has been difficult.
- r. John Murphy asked if a motion was needed to support the Chair's decision to move the start date up.
- s. David Rose said Markowski has a contract and a time-frame, so a motion would not be needed.
- t. Mark Youngstrom said they will move the schedule to begin two weeks earlier.
- u. Loran Greenslet agreed that a June 1<sup>st</sup> start date was too late to get the lines, connections, storm drains and street paved prior to the hot mix plants closing.
- v. Mark Youngstrom said there is more road rebuild needed in the project so supplemental Topo would be needed.
- w. Mark Youngstrom reported that Contract #2 will coincide with Contract #1. He added that he was not as concerned with Contract #2.
- x. Frank Heald asked if Tatro would log this winter.
- y. Mark Youngstrom said he has not heard.

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**Other Business:**

- a. David Rose asked about the recent water breaks.
- b. Loran Greenslet said the good news is the breaks have occurred where Markowski will need to dig up and replace pipe.
- c. Frank Heald said there was a water break in front of Benson's Chevrolet, and a sewer block on Andover Street and by the Fire Department at Outback Pizza.
- d. Loran Greenslet said the digging at Benson's was difficult because years back the old pipe that was replaced wasn't removed so old pipe is laying over new pipe, which made it difficult to locate the break.
- e. Frank Heald said they have better records now.
- f. Loran Greenslet reported that one of their trucks is broken down and in for repair.

**Adjourn:**

- a. John Murphy made a motion to adjourn. Richard Strong seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank  
Acting Clerk

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David Rose, Chairman

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Richard Strong

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John Murphy, Sr.