

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR MEETING

**August 5, 2008
5:00 PM**

Board Present:

David Rose, Chair, John Murphy, Sr., Richard Strong

Staff Present:

Frank Heald, Municipal Manager, Pam Cruickshank

Call to Order

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

Approve Minutes

Motion by Richard Strong to approve the minutes from June 3, 2008, June 24, 2008 and July 21, 2008 and seconded by John Murphy. All in favor and the motion carried.

Comments From Citizens:

There were none present.

Water Project Update

Frank Heald discussed having a site tour with the project engineers to explain how things are going to work with the water project. The Commissioner's were in favor of a meeting and tour with the engineers.

Richard Strong expressed concern about the valves/tanks and flows with the tank. He thought that the pipe was enough, but it wasn't buried deep enough.

David Rose said that a bigger pipe means more water volume and more water storage and the pipe would be buried deeper.

Richard Strong felt that most of the water customers are satisfied with the current water system. He added that the Commissioners will need to go into the field to really understand the water process and start at the dam. The engineers should know how much water we get and provide answers.

David Rose assured that the engineers will be able to provide the answers.

Frank Heald reported that he talked with Paul Giuliani from the Municipal Bond Bank about a schedule for the bond. He also discussed a date for the Village vote for the Water Project to be held on November 4, 2008, adding that there would be a Village Meeting the night prior to the election. He felt that there would need to be clarification between the ballot and Village vote to alleviate any confusion.

David Rose said that the vote doesn't need to be on Election Day. John Murphy added that it should be kept separate.

Richard Strong asked how many meetings would be needed prior to the vote. Frank said only one formal meeting, with a presentation. He thought it could take place late September or early October. Three weeks prior to the vote there would be one informal meeting after a mailer/newsletter was sent to Village water customers explaining the project and cost.

David Rose said that the vote isn't that far out, so we need to be thinking about the talking points and bullets. Frank Heald added that he would be interested in what Paul Giuliani had to say about the bond.

John Murphy felt that each Commissioner should state how they felt about the Water Project vote to be sure there are no questions in anyone's mind.

- Richard Strong said he supported the project.
- David Rose said he supported the project.
- John Murphy said he supported the project.

Richard Strong said that if residents are satisfied with the current water system, they will not vote in favor of the project. Frank Heald said there is a need to educate customers and explain the concerns and needs.

Frank Heald said that some weaknesses to the water system consist of:

- parts are 100 years old
- three water leaks to the transmission line have been repaired
- the valve system has never worked
- some connections are necessary to make the fire flows work better
- the tank would provide additional water and fire flow
- project would create balance to the system
- larger pipe would bring the system into modern technology

Frank Heald worried about a major break in the delivery system, which was witnessed in the Godfrey Tank several years ago with a break.

Richard Strong said that more dry hydrants should be added if they are worried about fire. He also said that water customers will think the project will be worth it for fire protection.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by John Murphy, seconded by Richard Strong. All in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Acting Clerk

David Rose, Chairman

John Murphy, Sr.

Richard Strong