

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
WATER COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 2010
5:00 pm**

Board Present:

David Rose, Richard Strong, John Murphy, Sr.

Staff Present:

Frank Heald

Others Present:

Tony Cook, Richard Josselyn

Call to Order:

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

Approve Minutes:

- a. *Motion by Richard Strong and seconded by John Murphy to approve the minutes from August 3, 2010. All in favor and the motion passed.*

Comments from Citizens:

- a. Richard Josselyn asked what the status of the Water Project was and if the hydrants on Route 100 were live yet.
- b. Frank Heald said that the hydrants that were still bagged were not in service yet. He said the project should be finished in a couple of weeks.
- c. Tony Cook said he was attending the Water meeting to raise an issue with the water line that comes into his building at 84 Andover Street and the location of the Village owned curbstops. Tony said he and Loran Greenslet have a difference of opinion as to where the actual shut off is located. Tony said Loran Greenslet implied the curbstops for his service is located by the cul-de-sac on Creaser Court and he (Mr. Cook) would be responsible for water line repairs, but Tony believes the curbstops located next to the garage is shut off and the Village is responsible for the maintenance of the line up to it.
- d. Tony Cook said last year Scott Matthews of Otter Creek Engineering inquired about the curbstops location and wondered why it didn't show up on the plans. He said when they looked at the water line they discovered a leak, at which time Loran and his crew put in a temporary plastic line. He said when he talked with the Water Department they told him the old copper pipe was in poor condition and there was no way to repair it.
- e. John Murphy said many years ago Donald Guy owned Mr. Cooks garage and deliberately installed the curbstops by the garage and laid copper pipe just to save money. John said he can't understand why the Water Department didn't tell Tony the curbstops was located by the garage.
- f. Frank Heald said he can't speak for what was installed in the past, but today curbstops are always placed at the end of the municipally owned property.
- g. Tony Cook said he got nervous with winter coming and may have jumped the gun, but hired George Tucker to install a new line from Andover Street along the edge of his driveway to his garage. He said it just didn't make sense to replace the water line by follows the present route through the woods and have to dig on someone else's property if he would be liable for repairs.
- h. Tony Cook said he is frustrated he incurred the expense to bring the waterline up the driveway when he should only be responsible from the curbstops next to his garage into the building.
- i. Richard Josselyn said it should be the Water Department's problem because the original curbstops is by the garage.
- j. John Murphy asked Tony Cook how much money it cost.
- k. Tony Cook said \$10,249.

- l. David Rose asked Tony Cook if he talked with Markowski Excavating about doing the job.
- m. Tony Cook said he didn't consider Markowski because he thought they would be too busy with the Water Project.
- n. Frank Heald asked Tony Cook if George Tucker gave him an estimate before he did the work.
- o. Tony Cook said yes, but it cost a lot more.
- p. David Rose asked if George Tucker said why the estimate was over.
- q. Tony said he should have questioned him about it.
- r. **John Murphy made a motion that the Water Department reimburse Tony Cook for his trouble in the amount of \$10,249.00. Richard Strong seconded the motion. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Strong voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Rose did not. The motion passed.**
- s. Tony Cook thanked the Water Commissioners for doing the right thing.
- t. Frank Heald asked Tony Cook if he had paid George Tucker in full and to be sure he had a copy of the check for the record and the auditors.

Water Project Update:

- a. Frank Heald reported that the water tank disinfection will be taking place this week, along with some digging by the Vail Bridge and Fire Station, followed by paving. He said most water services are hooked onto the system.
- b. John Murphy said they did a great job adding the granite curbing on the northern section of Depot Street.
- c. Frank Heald said that by the next meeting the water project should be wrapped up.

New Business:

- a. Frank Heald said he received a letter from Joseph Rolka of 20 Main Street asking the Water Commissioners and Trustees to reduce the allocation from 2-units to 1-unit. He said staff from the Planning Office and Listers Office inspected the property and found that the kitchen has been removed, so it only 1-unit. Frank Heald said in the letter they are asking for credit. He said the credit would only be from the July billing.
- b. **Motion by John Murphy to reduce the water allocation at 20 Main Street from 2 units to 1-unit. Motion was seconded by Richard Strong. All in favor and the motion passed.**

Set Date for October Meeting:

- a. Next meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, October 5, 2010.

Adjourn:

- a. **Motion to adjourn by John Murphy and seconded by Richard Strong. All in favor and the motion passed**
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Recording Secretary

David Rose, Chairman

Richard Strong

John Murphy, Sr.