

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2008**

5:00 PM

Board Present:

David Rose, Chairman, 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 from Previous Meeting(s)

Richard Strong made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2008 meeting. John Murphy seconded. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Citizens:

None present.

Discuss Water Tank Transmitter

Frank Heald recommended that the Water Commission look into a transmitter system that would indicate when water levels dropped below a designated point. He added that two times recently the water levels dropped very low in the water tank. They were not aware that this was happening until it had actually happened (i.e. DT Spinning). Without a system in place, it would be possible to drain the tank before anyone knew there was a problem.

Frank proposed that they consider a system from R.E. Prescott (who had worked on many of the other projects at the Water Department). Connecting to a phone line would be costly (\$50 per month) and lightening storms in the summer could potentially knock out the phone system. A radio signal would go directly to an auto-dialer (Ludlow PD) to signal trouble.

Richard Strong added that in the past they had experienced trouble with lightening and the system never worked.

John Murphy agreed that the wireless communication was the way to go, but thought that they should put the Tank Transmitter out to bid.

Frank Heald said he would put a proposal out to bid for comparison.

FY09 Budget Workshop (continued)

The budget was approved at the January 8, 2008 meeting.

Other Business

Richard Strong mentioned that the hydrant on High Street (by Dick Bostock's) was not working and they should red-flag it (post or mark it) and notify the Fire Department. He added that if a hydrant is shoveled out, it should be operative.

John Murphy commented that the hydrant may be one of the oldest in the Village and they should try to save it. He estimated the age to be 1800's thought it may be valuable.

Frank Heald said they would look into it and be sure to save the hydrant if it was replaced.

John Murphy commented on the Ancient Roads Report and added that Dennis Devereaux could bring back a Topo state map that may be helpful for the mapping process. He recommended that the Ancient Roads Committee contact Dennis for more information.

Adjourn

Richard Strong made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by John Murphy. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be scheduled on March 4, 2008 on Town Meeting Day.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Acting Clerk

David Rose, Chairman

Richard Strong

John Murphy, Sr.