

DRAFT -- MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
WATER COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2014
5:00 pm**

Board Present:

David Rose, Robert Gilmore, 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 Robert Gilmore and seconded by Ron Bixby to approve the minutes from February 4, 2014. All in favor and the motion passed.

Comments from Citizens:

- a. None present.

Discuss Gurney Brothers Invoice RE: Water Freeze Ups on Main Street & Andover Street

- a. Loran Greenslet reported that there was a water freeze up at 47 Main Street. He said that the owner didn't realize he needed to keep the petcock running in the cellar and the water froze underneath his lawn. He said the property owner has already paid \$600 to Gurney Brothers to thaw his water and is asking us to pay \$525.
- b. David Rose asked if we typically pay for any freeze ups.
- c. Loran Greenslet said the property owners are responsible from the curbstop to their house and we maintain from the curbstop to the main. Loran said he doesn't believe we have ever paid for any thawing.
- d. Robert Gilmore said that when he lived on Smith Street he paid \$600 to have his own water thawed.
- e. Frank Heald said there were also problems on Andover Street.
- f. Loran Greenslet said that so far this winter we've had six properties with frozen water. He said the locations on Andover Street were at 40, 42, 54, 60 and 70. He said Gurney Brothers thawed those locations using a welder on the back of a pickup truck.
- g. Frank Heald said he received an invoice for \$437.50 from 70 Andover Street and the owner is asking for a 50% reimbursement.
- h. Loran Greenslet said this past weekend he walked down Andover Street and knocked on the doors to tell the property owners to keep their water running, but no one was home so he left his business card in the door. He said if they left a pencil-sized trickle of water running it would keep the water from freezing.

- i. David Rose said he did not think it was our obligation to pay the entire bill.
- j. Loran Greenslet said that at 42 Andover Street a plumber installed a petcock so they could keep the water running.
- k. Robert Gilmore said we should pay the entire bill this one time and everyone on the left side of the street should be notified to run their water.
- l. Ron Bixby said our rules seem pretty clear that it is the owner's responsibility from the curbstop in and we should only pay ½ if it exists from the curbstop to the main.
- m. Frank Heald said they should review the property requests one at a time.
 - 47 Main Street (pay ½ = \$525)
 - 70 Andover Street (pay ½ = \$218.75)
 - 60 Andover Street (needs additional research)
- n. Frank Heald said we can re-visit this at the April meeting.
- o. MOTION by Ron Bixby to pay ½ of the bill submitted for thawing locations at 47 Main Street and 70 Andover Street with more review and research on 60 Andover Street. Motion was seconded by David Rose and the motion passed.
- p. Robert Gilmore was opposed.

Other Business:

- a. None.

Set Date for Next Meeting:

- a. Next meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

Adjourn:

- a. MOTION to adjourn by Ron Bixby and seconded by Robert Gilmore. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Recording Secretary

David Rose, Chairman

Robert Gilmore

Ronald Bixby