

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LUDLOW WATER COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Board Present:

David Rose
Robert Gilmore

Staff Present:

Frank Heald, Municipal Manager
Chuck Craig, Chief Water & Wastewater Operator

Others Present:

Loran Greenslet
Richard Harrison
Michael Pacilio

Call to Order:

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

Annual Board Re-Organization:

- a. MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by David Rose to elect David Rose as Chairman. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. MOTION by David Rose and seconded by Robert Gilmore to elect Robert Gilmore as Vice Chair. All in favor and the motion passed.
- c. MOTION by David Rose and seconded by Robert Gilmore to elect Ron Bixby as Clerk. All in favor and the motion passed.
- d. MOTION by David Rose and seconded by Robert Gilmore to appoint Robert Gilmore as the Ludlow Enterprise Fund Committee representative.
- e. MOTION by David Rose and seconded by Robert Gilmore to set the time and date of the Water Commission meetings at 5:00 pm on the first Tuesday of the month and the third Tuesday as an alternate date. All in favor and the motion passed.
- f. MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by David Rose to use the Vermont Journal as the newspaper of record. All in favor and the motion passed.
- g. MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by David Rose to adopt Roberts Rules of Order. All in favor and the motion passed.

Approve Minutes:

- a. MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by David Rose to accept the minutes from March 3, 2015. All in favor and the motion passed.

Comments from Citizens:

- a. Michael Pacilio had questions relating to the water allocation and use at his laundromat. He said the allocation at the laundromat is for 14 washing machines, using 500 gpd per machine for a total of 7,000 gallons per day. Mr. Pacilio said that in December, January and March

he only used 800-1,200 gpd. He asked if this could be addressed and suggested metering the water to make it fair for the use.

- b. Frank Heald said the Village does not meter water and never has, and the gallons per day that were allocated and paid for were based on the state tables.
- c. Michael Pacilio said he has known of other laundry facilities that have grieved and installed meters. Mr. Pacilio said the water and sewer fees are taking up the 1st \$600 per month, making this an unprofitable venture for he and his partner.
- d. Robert Gilmore asked if there was any flexibility here.
- e. David Rose said that if you adjust this for one business, you will have to do this for everyone.
- f. Frank Heald said the allocation was based off the state tables, but we will take another look to be sure the calculations are correct.
- g. Michael Pacilio said he is paying \$4,600 per year for water plus a sewer bill and also paid \$32,000 just to open the door. He said that his washing machines are different sizes and if they all did three total turns per day they would use 1,200 gpd vs. 7,000 gpd.
- h. Michael Pacilio said he is hoping to install a water meter for better clarity on usage and cost.
- i. Frank Heald said we will go back and look at the calculations to be sure we didn't make a mistake.
- j. Robert Gilmore asked if there would be a difference with various size washers.
- k. Frank Heald said the state does not differentiate and we will discuss this again at the next meeting.

Other Business:

- a. Frank Heald said that the invoices related to the freeze ups total over \$40,000 with more to come.
- b. Chuck Craig said approximately 50 properties experienced freeze ups.
- c. Frank Heald said that Rutland City is over 100 and they were all from the curbstop to the street.
- d. David Rose asked if any properties on Andover Street were affected.
- e. Chuck Craig said three residences that froze last year either did not run their water, or did not run their water enough.
- f. Frank Heald said he received a phone call today from a property at the end of Gill Terrace. He said we have already spent \$7,000 in this area and the property owner has incurred costs.
- g. Chuck Craig said that water service is roughly 300 feet long and runs up the private road to the home.
- h. Frank Heald said we should consider a one-time rate fee to recover \$45,000 or take the rates slightly to recoup the cost over the next few years.
- i. David Rose said the choice would be a one-time fee or adjust the rates. He said we can look at this at the next meeting.
- j. David Rose asked if the flow meters at the springs have been replaced yet.
- k. Chuck Craig said they should be here around the 14th of April

Set Date for Next Meeting:

- a. Next meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

Possible Executive Session Personnel/Contracts/Legal:

- a. None needed.

Adjourn:

- a. MOTION to adjourn by Robert Gilmore and seconded by David Rose. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Recording Secretary

David Rose, Chairman

Robert Gilmore

Ronald Bixby