

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
WATER COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 5, 2011
5:00 pm**

Board Present:

David Rose, Richard Strong, John Murphy, Sr.

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 John Murphy and seconded by Richard Strong to approve the minutes from June 7, 2011. All in favor and the motion passed.

Comments from Citizens:

- a. None present.

Water Allocation Reduction Requests:

- a. David Rose said there was a request from Kenneth Tofferi of 18 Pond Street to relinquish the bakery allocation that is now a ski shop.
- b. Motion by John Murphy and seconded by Richard Strong to remove the bakery water allocation at 18 Pond Street. All in favor and the motion passed.
- c. Loran Greenslet said the allocation will need to reflect the number of employees and the square footage at the Totem Pole Ski Shop.
- d. David Rose said there was a request from John Montgomery of 121 Main Street to remove the allocation for a dentist office.
- e. Motion by John Murphy and seconded by Richard Strong to remove the dentist office water allocation at 121 Main Street. All in favor and the motion passed.
- f. David Rose said there was a request from Heritage Credit Union to remove the water allocation from the former Jiffy Mart.
- g. Motion by John Murphy and seconded by Richard Strong to remove the water allocation from the former Jiffy Mart at 200 Main Street. All in favor and the motion passed.
- h. Frank Heald said we will revisit this allocation to be sure the number of employees reflects the proper allocation for a bank.
- i. Loran Greenslet said this will be the same issue as with the Totem Pole Ski Shop.

Water/Sewer Project Update:

- a. Frank Heald reported that Al Lewis from the state did an inspection of the project. Frank said Al was interested in the physical completion of the project. He said they made the tour and Al went away satisfied.
- b. Frank Heald said there still some work to be done on Meadow Street.
- c. Frank Heald reported there continues to be a problem with the pressure reducing valves at the upper and lower vault. Frank said he told the engineer 10-12 days ago that he was getting the last informal notice of dissatisfaction regarding the valves.
- d. Frank Heald said the engineer came down and suggested a 3/4" bypass at the lower vault to alleviate the pressure spike when the 2" valve does not close as it should.
- e. Frank Heald said Loran Greenslet took a graph this morning that indicates it is not working and the engineer put the contractor on notice to get the valve company here to rectify the situation. Frank said it is either a defective valve or design because when the valve closes there is a pressure spike at the lower vault beyond what it is supposed to be.
- f. Richard Strong asked when this happens.
- g. Loran Greenslet said every time the upper valve closes.
- h. Richard Strong asked if there was any retainage.
- i. Frank Heald said yes and the last check has not been issued.
- j. John Murphy asked if the valve controls how much water is in the Godfrey Tank.

- k. Frank Heald said the valve in the lower vault closes when the Strong Tank is full.
- l. Loran Greenslet said the bulb and pressure tells the altitude valve what the pressure is in the Strong Tank. He said if the water level drops down, it tells the valve to open and once the pressure increases, the valve closes very fast.
- m. Frank Heald said between the two valves closing down, that's where the issue is because one valve is not operating correctly or the design is not right.
- n. Frank Heald said we know what is causing the pressure issues but we do not know why. We will get this fixed.
- o. John Murphy asked if both tanks were the same elevation.
- p. Frank Heald said we believe so from the initial work that was done prior to the project.
- q. David Rose said we need to establish the elevation. He said it would take him 1-2 hours to complete.
- r. Richard Strong asked if David Rose could do this before the next meeting.
- s. John Murphy said David Rose should be paid for his work.
- t. Frank Heald said once established, this will be one less area of concern.

Other Business:

- a. None

Set Date for Next Meeting:

- a. Next meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

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 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Recording Secretary

David Rose, Chairman

Richard Strong

John Murphy, Sr.