

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
WATER COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2011
5:00 pm**

Board Present:

David Rose, Richard Strong, John Murphy, Sr.

Staff Present:

Frank Heald

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 May 3, 2011. All in favor and the motion passed.

Comments from Citizens:

- a. None present.

Water/Sewer Project Update:

- a. Frank Heald reported that the Water Project is pretty well wrapped up, other than some valve adjustments that will need to be made. He said that Al Lewis from the state will be here tomorrow for a final walk-through of the project.
- b. David Rose asked what the walk-through consisted of and if anyone from Otter Creek would be here.
- c. Frank Heald said they will ride around to the various sites to view the project. He said Scott Matthews will probably be here.
- d. David Rose asked when we will know the final tally for the project.
- e. Frank Heald said the final pay request should be here soon, along with an analysis of the project.

Bermani Request:

- a. Frank Heald said there was a problem with the screen and 2" valve at the upper vault. The valve stayed open resulting in pressure issues beyond what they should have been.
- b. Frank Heald said it was his recommendation to pay the invoice.
- c. Motion by John Murphy and seconded by Richard Strong to pay HB Energy Solutions \$687.90 for repairs at the Louis & Patricia Bermani residence. All in favor and the motion passed.

Sanford Request:

- a. Frank Heald said there were several issues near the Sanford residence around the same time as the date on the invoice. Frank said he asked the engineer for his notes which showed situations that occurred in late August and early September. Frank said they dug up the old Plumley Avenue connection in August and replaced old

service connections resulting in a hard water shut off in September which could have caused the water issues.

- b. Richard Strong questioned the pressure reducing valve that was recommended by Martel Mechanical. He said we have never put one in for anyone else.
- c. Frank Heald said the surge in pressure may have blown the sink apart. He said in many cases it would only cause a blow off to the water heater.
- d. Motion by John Murphy and seconded by David Rose to have Frank Heald research and act on the Sanford request accordingly. All in favor and the motion passed.
- e. David Rose asked if Mr. Sanford is planning to pay his water/sewer bill.
- f. Frank Heald said we would apply it toward his bill and he would be responsible for the balance.

Other Business:

- a. Frank Heald said we are looking carefully at the way the water cost is allocated to be sure everyone is paying their fair share. He said we should know how the fees will break down in October and prior to the December billing.
- b. John Murphy asked if we know the number of bedrooms in each residence.
- c. Frank Heald yes we do have that information and will be sure it is all figured very carefully.
- d. Frank Heald reported that several months ago there was some discussion about receiving additional credit on the grant relating to water flow. He said they have a graph of the monthly data, but the meter was out of service during various months. Frank said we could extrapolate the information from comparative months. He said the credit could be as much as six-figures.
- e. David Rose said this would help to save even more money for the rate payer.
- f. Richard Strong said he would like to have Loran Greenslet attend the Water Commission meetings.
- g. John Murphy said he would like to see something in place that asks every homeowner to purchase and install their own pressure reducing valve. He said he had one installed at his home 30+ years ago.

Set Date for Next Meeting:

- a. Next meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, July 5, 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 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Recording Secretary

David Rose, Chairman

Richard Strong

John Murphy, Sr.