

MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
WATER COMMISSION

Special Meeting

January 25, 2019
3:00 PM

Board Members Present:

David Rose, Chair	Robert Gilmore (via phone)	Ron Bixby
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Staff Present:

Scott Murphy	Chuck Craig	
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1. Call to Order:

- a. David Rose called the Water Commission meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Consideration of any Changes, Additions or Removal to the Agenda:

- a. Scott Murphy said there are no changes to the agenda.

3. Discuss & Possibly Select an Option for the Godfrey Tank Project:

- a. David Rose said he asked for this special meeting so the Water Commission can make a decision on either Option #1 or Option #3. He said Option #1 was the original option at the ball field at an estimated cost of \$100,000, plus \$25,000 and a bubbler if it doesn't work.
- b. David Rose said that Option #3 is estimated at \$75,000. He said he talked with Mark Youngstrom at Otter Creek Engineering and he was in favor of Option #1 and had concerns with Option #3 if the valve failed, and there could be turbidity issues.
- c. David said another concern is fire flows. He said that before the Strong Tank was built that was how the water moved in and out. He said Option #1 appears to be a less expensive possibility.
- d. Ron Bixby said he thought the State was in favor of Option #3.
- e. David Rose said it addresses concerns with the use of a cell phone to talk to the Wastewater Plant. If the cell service goes down the valve could be programed to open/close and allow the water to flow.
- f. Robert Gilmore said he is in favor of Option #3, but his concern is economic and water turbidity. He asked if there were any turbidity measurements or sensors.
- g. David Rose said no. He added that before the Strong Tank that is the way the water flowed.
- h. Chuck Craig said that the Godfrey Tank overflowed every day before the water project. He said he likes Option #1 and has a concern about turbidity with Option #3. He said the telemetry is easy, close and expandable.

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- i. Robert Gilmore asked Chuck Craig if he had any assurances with the turbidity and wondered if we at risk for cloudy water.
- j. Chuck Craig said the risk is in the number of customers that could be affected.
- k. David Rose said Option #1 may or may not work, so the next step would be a bubbler at Godfrey Tank.
- l. Robert Gilmore asked if we present Option #1 to the State, will they reject that option.
- m. Scott Murphy said the State will let us do it and check the test results and modify if it isn't turning the water over. He said if it doesn't meet the standards, we will need to add a bubbler.
- n. David Rose said the expense for Option #1 is approximately \$100,000 and Mark Youngstrom had indicated that it would cost between \$1,500-\$2,000 to draw up some plans.
- o. Scott Murphy said there will be engineering costs for Option #3 as well.
- p. Ron Bixby said what sells him is the amount of people affected and Option #1 does not have cloudiness issues.
- q. David Rose said he had a conversation with Mark Youngstrom and he knows of several systems nearby and around the State that it works for them and there were no problems getting permits.
- r. Robert Gilmore said let's roll the dice with Option #1.
- s. MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by Ron Bixby to approve Option #1 for the Godfrey Water Tank Project. All in favor and the motion passed.

4. Adjourn:

- a. MOTION by Robert Gilmore and seconded by Ron Bixby to adjourn. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Recording Secretary

David Rose, Chairman

Robert Gilmore

Ronald Bixby