

WATER PROTOCOL WITH VILLAGE

FEBRUARY 5, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor Pastecki, DPW Supervisor Dave Laney, Village Attorney Dave DiMatteo, Village Trustee Jason Armbrewster

Town Councilpersons Kabel, Veazey, Cianfrini and Glor, Supervisor Ken Dodd, Superintendent of Highways Alan Dennis, Justice Thomas Graham, Town Clerk Melissa Haacke, Deputy Clerk Pam Denny and Town Attorney Kevin Earl.

Mayor Pastecki called the meeting to order at 9 am; he wanted to discuss water transmission to the Town; including Town water hookups since the Mayor has questions regarding the procedure.

The issue arose when Lamb Farms had purchased water meters which differed from those the Village offers their water users. Once the discussion ensued, it was determined that the meters that Lamb Farms were told to purchase originally had been returned and the 3/4 " were purchased and installed, the issue seemed mute.

With this, the Mayor asked the Town if the Village was doing all they could do for the Town; stating that he would like protocols in writing for Future Mayors and Trustees.

Supervisor Dodd stated that the Town and Village should begin with definitions; especially because there are so many entities involved with water districts. He explained that the Water System is owned by the Village Water users and that it is now expanding into the Town. Any new water district created in the Town is its own legal entity and owned by that water districts users. Said users get water from the Village by contract. The Town has Water District 3 in the works, and unofficial Water District 1; which includes everyone outside of Water District 2, and newly formed Water District 2. All water is provided by the Village Water Contract; therefore water cannot be shut off.

Mayor Pastecki states that he want compatibility and asked how many meters the Town was putting in for Water District 2.

Attorney DiMatteo just wanted clarification as to having Water District residents buy meters from the Village or would they be buying elsewhere. It was determined that all Water District users should be buying the meters through the Village. The fact that Lamb Farms purchased meters from an outside agency was a miscommunication.

Mr. DiMatteo stated that the Village was just trying to clarify the situation; not trying to void any contracts.

Supervisor Dodd stated that since there seems to be a "tweaking" of communication all future items must be put in writing.

Mayor Pastecki stated that the Village was receiving unclear communications from Clark Patterson Lee and that he agreed that the Town and Village should put all matters in writing and move forward with their endeavors.

Supervisor Dodd stated that the Town was under the impression that the engineer, who works for both the Town and the Village, was recommending the same for both parties.

Councilman Veazey stated that there was no indication that anything less than a 1" meter was acceptable for Lamb Farms.

It was also stated that DPW Supervisor David Laney is the one to do any lateral testing.

At this time Superintendent of Highways Alan Dennis stated that the Town is working on writing water standards. Mr. Dennis stated that he has contacted a few surrounding towns to read their standards and get an idea of what the Town of Oakfield would like included in the standards.

Mr. DiMatteo asked if the Village currently had any written protocol for water; to which Mr. Laney responded "no."

Justice Graham suggested that once the protocol is written, it should be packaged to give to new water users when the time comes.

Supervisor Dodd stated that those residents in the improvement district must write a letter to the Town asking to be connected to the water; that request then goes to the Village. This is an area the Supervisor would like addressed in the new protocol as well.

Supervisor Dodd also stated the Town is planning on a sewer district in the future.

Trustee Armbrewster asked the question of why can't the Town and Village apply for these grants together?

Trustee Armbrewster was told that we can apply together and the Town and Village would qualify for more money.

It was then discussed that a Committee be formed to come up with the Water Protocols. It was recommended that the Town appoint a committee and the Village appoint a committee, once the two committees had a general idea of what they wanted in place the attorneys and Clark Patterson would be brought in to tie it all together. It was agreed that the cost of having Clark Patterson consult would be split equally by Town and Village.

Mr. Dennis stated that as he has read some of the protocols from surrounding areas, there are some that are unique and some very general. He wanted to state that the more detail or standards you set, the more cost to the tax payer.

At this point Councilperson Glor asked where the Village on stood on the Water Tower; no answer was given.

The Mayor said that the Village is planning on putting a purchase offer in on the land; with that statement Councilman Cianfrini advised the Mayor that an offer had been put in.

Since the Town paid for one of the Geo Technical tests on the Water Tower site, this fee is to be taken off the purchase price of the land. Supervisor Dodd stated that a memo of understanding for any/all costs paid for by the Town will be reimbursed by the district.

The Mayor then asked for an itemized bill of all costs associated to the land purchase for which the Town paid. Attorney Kevin Earl would also like copies of these costs. At this time it was decided that the Village is now responsible for acquiring the land for the tower.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. Haacke
Town Clerk