

Seneca County Water District #1
Wednesday, August 23, 2006

Meeting began at 7:59 a.m.

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| Present: | James Gabriel | Jack Holley | Sarah Ryan |
| | Angel Lawrence | David Kaiser | David Terry, Jr. |
| | Dan Duddleston | David Dresser | Joan Teichner |
| Guests: | Gary Westfall | Lee Patchen | Vic French |
| | Jim Bromka | | |
| Absent: | Ed Barto | Terry Potts | |

Approval of Minutes:

July Regular Board Meeting:

Motioned: David Dresser

Seconded: David Terry

Carried Unanimously

Correspondences:

Attached herewith is a letter the district submitted to Cummins Northeast, Inc. with reference to their providing our facility with an incorrect diagnostic report.

Water Maintainer's Report:

The radio on the telemetry system is not working properly. Aqualogics has been hired to work on this system to determine why it is not working and determine what it will need to fix the system.

The Seneca County Health Department will be here on Friday, August 25th, 2006 to complete an inspection of our water system and will review the loss factor reports that we provide each year.

District Counsel Report:

Jim is aware of the need to address a new contract with Sampson. However, the existing agreement doesn't expire until 2010 and he will prepare a new contract once this expiration date is closer.

Jim spoke with Pat Jones regarding conveying building 146 and the strip of land in Kendai that we are attempting to acquire. Pat explained the original deeds were executed by the county and sent to the Army. She also told Jim that the county has not received the deeds back from the Army. It is Jim's understanding all of the proposed transfers are held up until we receive the fully executed documents.

Jim has attended several meetings with Gary Cannerelli, David Kaiser and Angel Lawrence regarding the intake project. It has come to our attention that the proposed, "Ocean's Eleven" project is no longer considering the depot as a possible site for their facility.

Financial Report:

Budget workshop meeting scheduled for September 7th, 2006 at 7:00 a.m.

Verification of Payables:

Motioned: David Dresser

Seconded: David Terry

Carried Unanimously

New Business:

David Kaiser introduced the guests in attendance of our meeting. In attendance were: Gary Westfall, Village of Waterloo Administrator

Lee Patchen, Village of Waterloo Mayor

Victor French, Village of Waterloo Trustee

Jim Bromka, Village of Waterloo Water Treatment Operator

They explained that they are visiting all of their water district users to discuss any issues they may have and are also open for any suggestions with regards to lowering water rates.

David Kaiser explained to the visitors from Waterloo that there are several reasons the districts are pursuing the opening of the existing water intakes at the Lakeshore Landing area. The major factor is cost! David Kaiser said, "We have to do whatever we can to lower costs to our residents and make water more affordable. The other being that it is wise to have more than one means of providing water for homeland security purposes."

Gary Westfall explained to the board members that the Waterloo Plant is now connected with Seneca Falls and Geneva. He also expressed his concerns regarding the costs the Village of Waterloo had to incur for debt service to develop and operate the water treatment plant.

David Dresser told the board that he has visited the plant in Waterloo. David also explained that he has inquired about a countywide water authority. He later learned a study had been completed in 1998. David obtained a copy of the study and has reviewed the results in its entirety. He provided everyone at the meeting with a copy of the sections of the study, which gave a summary of the study as a whole.

David Dresser pointed out conclusions and recommendations of the study, as follows:

Section 5.1 discusses a water authority

Section 5.3 discusses an inter-community water board

Section 5.4 discusses establishing a county water district

Section 5.6 discussion of continuation of existing municipal systems

Section 5.7 evaluations of options

He explained each of the areas in detail. In conclusion this report is probably the reason we now have a county water district, rather than a water authority or any other options that were reviewed. David Dresser also requested a copy of the Engineer Studies that we have had completed with reference to the water intakes being opened.

Jim Gabriel explained that the first study, which was completed by Kenneth Kaufman, was to determine feasibility of the opening of the water intakes. The second study, which was completed, was to show economically and financially more feasible than our existing water source.

There was discussion regarding the Ethanol plant and others seem to all need large sums of water supply. The engineers strongly recommend that developers should incur the costs for our engineers to review their proposals. The district should never absorb the developer's cost.

O'Brien and Gere representatives, Gary Cannerelli and Rick Gehl attended the meeting to update the board on the progress of the permit process for the water intakes. They have provided Jim Gabriel with a draft resolution for his review. This resolution will be emailed to Angel and she will have this prepared for the next board meeting. O'Brien & Gere will have a draft permit application ready for review with the board, if they chose to have them go over the draft before they continue.

Jim Gabriel told our engineers that step isn't necessary as the board, which indicated O'Brien & Gere should continue through to the point of obtaining the permits, passed a prior resolution.

Rick Gehl explained that they would be speaking directly with DEC rather than submitting through the mail. The DEC will want answers to several issues, one being financially feasibility. It will be much easier to explain with a direct face-to-face meeting.

Jim suggested he write a letter to the Ethanol plant to let them know where we are at with the water intake project and if they want to jump on board they need to fund their part of the water project.

The next board meeting will be held at the Romulus Town Hall in Willard on September 27th, 2006 at 7:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 8:55 a.m.

Motioned: David Dresser

Seconded: David Terry

Carried Unanimously