

Seneca County Water District #1
Wednesday, May 28, 2008

Meeting began at 7: 15 a.m.

Present: David Dresser Jack Holley David Terry, Jr.
 Angel Lawrence David Kaiser Dan Duddleston
 David Dresser Terry Potts James Gabriel
 Robert Hayssen

Absent: Ed Barto

Guest(s): Jim Bromka

Approval of April Minutes:

Motioned: David Terry, Jr.

Seconded: David Dresser

Carried Unanimously

Correspondences:

1. O'Brien & Gere – Studies in Process and Completed:
 - a. Review of Transmission Alternates
 - b. Lake Pumphouse Booster Pump Modifications
 - c. Services for Water Treatment Plant & Intake Evaluation and Raw Water Transmission Main
 - d. Email Regarding Electrical Situation – Jim and Dave met with Bob Pass from NYSEG to discuss the low voltage in the Lakeshore Landing area.
2. SCIDA – SEQR Review
3. Copy of letter Jim Gabriel sent to Frank Fisher with reference to the operation of the districts along with documentation.
4. Proposed Water Rate Change Study
5. Village of Waterloo Letter to USDA Rural Development in which the Village request they not allow the district to receive 3.5 million dollar grant for the infrastructure on the former Seneca Army Depot. The letter the Village of Waterloo supplied to USDA Rural Development has several inaccurate numbers in their letter. David Dresser would like to recommend David Kaiser should write a letter to Mr. Falkenburg correcting Ted Young's misinformation. The Seneca County Water/Sewer Board feels this was very unprofessional and at the very least the district should have been copied this letter. David Dresser explained that Dave should include in his response letter the urgency and immediate need for water and other utilities on the depot. David Dresser also thinks we should supply all the studies that clearly show the savings to the residents if we could be allowed to open the intakes. It appears we have a monopoly here and we need to address this. David Kaiser said, "It isn't right that our residents are forced to subsidize the Village of Waterloo and are being forced to have them as the only option for water". David Dresser explained the need to look at the whole county and work towards saving money for everyone and we also need to think about "Homeland Security" and there should be more than one source of water. David Dresser strongly feels this is very important and definitely needs to be addressed. David Kaiser and Jim Gabriel will put together a letter addressing this most important issue. Dave Kaiser will provide each board member with

a copy of the letter before it is submitted to Mr. Falkenburg. The Village of Waterloo was granted an opportunity to discuss any problems or questions they might have had with the ethanol plant and the comment was that it was no concern of theirs. Later we read in the paper that they are requesting a full environmental impact study and indeed do not want this project on the depot. Jim Gabriel explained there is a study that showed a county water district taking over all the water in Seneca County so that everyone would pay the same rate, other than a Water Authority this is the only way we would see consistent rates. David Dresser didn't feel we needed to get into all the sabotaging the Village of Waterloo has been doing to the district, but rather to stick with the facts in this letter.

Water Maintainer's Report:

Continuing effort to tighten system up. We will be selling more water and buying less water since the repairs that has been completed so far. When we first took over the depot we were seeing a 50% water loss. Three new customers came on line at the lake and the Hay Processing Company will also be applying.

District Counsel Report:

Jim and Dave met with NYSEG representative to move to night rates. We will be working to have the pumps come on during the night when most people are sleeping. The pumps come on only once a night, providing nothing is wrong. They discussed their willingness to share the cost of soft start pumps. The district does not feel they are the cause of the electric problem. NYSEG will use their engineers to determine that there is no threat to the residents and their appliances and they will also be testing their equipment. They will meet again, once the NYSEG has completed the studies. David Kaiser feels that if it is only a temporary fix why should we go to the expense of soft starts. A resident at Lakeshore Landing wrote to the Public Service Commission addressing this problem and this seems to have started the action to fix this.

Jim has met with Dave and Angel regarding a user and his lack of paying the utility billing and we need to address this large user as any other user and turn the water off if it is not paid.

Chairman's Report:

Pat Jones, Mike Pallumbo and Dave Kaiser met to discuss transferring the frog pond area in trade for land around Building 146. Mike Pallumbo came back with telling us he will not grant us anymore than 10' around building 146. Obviously, this is not going to work. Mike Karlsen had completed the survey. It was decided the district attorney and the Board of Supervisor's attorney will meet to discuss the property situation. This is what is holding up the deed transfer of building 146. Dave will be meeting with Suzanne Sinclair to inform her of this latest development before the attorneys will meet.

Financial Report:

All books have been provided for review.

Verification of Payables:

Motioned by: David Dresser
Seconded by: David Terry, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

The next board meeting will be held at the Romulus Town Hall in Willard on June 25, 2008 @ 7:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 8:12 a.m.

Motioned by: David Terry, Jr.

Seconded by: Robert Hayssen

Carried Unanimously

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Angel J. Lawrence, Board Clerk
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