

Rosendale Water & Sewer Commissioners Monthly Meeting
January 25, 2016

Commissioners: Jack Snyder, Lori Graham, David Keohan III

Others: Terry Johnson, Supt W/S, Councilman John Hughes

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. on a motion by Jack. Motion was seconded by Lori.

A motion by Jack to accept the minutes for November 23, 2015; motion was seconded by Lori.

Construction update: Terry informed the Commission on what has been done on the Filter Plant since the construction has started. A short discussion followed.

Main Street schedule: Terry told the Board that construction on Main Street will begin the first week in April, and they have four months in which to complete the job. Terry also mentioned to the Commission that the Street Festival has been cancelled, due to the construction on Main Street. Jack asked how the traffic will be handled; will it be sent down James Street. Terry stated to Jack that there is not going to be a sign telling people to go down James Street; he is not really sure how the traffic will be handled. Terry explained to the Commission how the work will be done on Main Street, and that one lane will be open to local traffic during the day; the street will be opened (both lanes) every night. A short discussion followed.

Funding opportunities – wastewater: Terry gave each Board member a letter to read on funding that the Rosendale Sewer district could be eligible to receive. Terry told the Commission that what the letter basically states is that we are eligible for upgrade on our wastewater system. The funding would be interest-free loans up to 30 years. We have also submitted an application to the USDA, which would be grant money. A short discussion followed.

High Falls Park: Terry gave each Commissioner a letter that he had sent to Chief Perry Soule. Terry told the Commission that the Rosendale police had called him on Monday January 18, which was a town holiday, for an emergency on a house that is located in High Falls Park, house in which the owner just walked away from. The house had no heat on, was not winterize, and so what happened was a pipe behind the water heater that had broke and water was just pouring out of the house. He tried shutting the water off at the curb valve, but it was inoperable. He contacted the owners of the water system, and they came out and shut the water off. This is has not been the first that he was called and so he wrote a letter to Chief Soule to inform him that the Rosendale or the High Falls water districts have no responsibility for emergencies for the High Falls Park water system. The parks water system is a privately owner water system. He gave the police the owner's name and his contact information, so if this happens again they know who to call.

Valve Replacement: A second letter was given to each Board member, concerning a property located on Mountain Road. Terry explained to the Board that this is a house were the owner just walked away from the mortgage; left the house with no heat and the water line is on a

high pressure line. When we went to the location the water line to the house was indeed frozen, and when it does thaw it will break, causing quite a situation for us. He then stated that he had noticed this that the house was vacant back in October; so we contacted the mortgage holder to see if we could get into the house. They were told by the mortgage holder that the property is not in foreclosure, so there is nothing they can do at this time. We cannot turn off the water at the property's curb valve, because it is inoperable. The 4th quarter bills were sent out in December; the bill was returned to us, because there is no forwarding address on file at the post office. A letter was then sent out to the owner by certified mail. Lori stated to Terry that today (1/25/16) is ten days. Terry informed the Commission that they did go there today, but the water could not be shut off because the line is in such back shape. The next step is to go back on Wednesday 1/28/16 and shut the water off at the main. A short discussion followed on the matter.

Laboratory/Chemical Bids: Terry gave the Board a copy of the 2016 Laboratory and Chemical bids that were submitted. The chemicals that are highlighted for each company are the chemicals we will purchase from these companies. The laboratory services, we will continue to use the laboratory that we are presently using now; there was not a big difference in the prices between the two labs.

Terry asked the Board if anyone has anything that they would like to discuss. John stated that he does. John asked Terry if he would attend a public meeting for the residences living on Main Street, so that they could ask questions on the construction that will be starting in April. Terry told John that they are planning to do that sometime in the early part of March. A short discussion followed.

Vouchers were submitted for approval of payment.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on a motion by David. Motion was seconded by Lori.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rondout Municipal Center at 1915 Lucas Ave.

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Heinitz