

Minutes of the Public Works Advisory Committee
01/23/2012 at the Tracy Memorial

Edgar Acevedo brought the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Committee Members Present: Jim Simmons (co-chair), Rusty Vazac, Jim Klingler, Steve Campbell.

Also in attendance: Mayor Tom Curran.

The minutes of 12/19/2011 were approved with a motion to approve by Rusty Vazac which was seconded by Steve Campbell.

The proposed agenda was approved, Steve Campbell making the motion to approve which was seconded by Jim Simmons.

Steve Campbell reported that Walt Vosburgh had called him with the suggestion that we confer with the Rural Water Association (518-828-3155, NY Ruralwater.org) as they were a help in the past with issues dealing with the village water supply. Mayor Curran said that the DPW has been in contact with the agency regarding different situations which have arisen. Those attending suggested that we investigate further as to how the agency may be able to aid the village.

In regards to the village water tower: Because of its age, the lack of routine inspection and maintenance, the frequency of repairs needed and the age of the last inspection, the recommendation of the committee is that the tower should be inspected by an unbiased party (recommended by the village engineer) to determine what future actions should be taken to repair or replace the structure.

In regards to the village reservoir: This committee has determined that the village engineer should supervise a course of action to determine the amount of leakage from the reservoir. Complaints from residents located below the reservoir of increased water flow onto their properties is one reason to investigate. Another reason would be to determine the potential waste and cost of energy to pump water to the reservoir if there was a significant loss of that water through leakage.

The results of testing for leakage would influence the decision to replace the reservoir with a tank or to reline the reservoir with whatever medium would be practical to stem the loss of water.

Once an action has been taken, a maintenance schedule should be instituted and budgeted for by the village.

Revisited by the committee was the situation whereby the village provides water to residents of the hamlet of Ghent. Because of deteriorating infrastructure, the residents of Ghent will be looking at a significant increase in their water bills should the piping need to be replaced. It is recommended by the committee that the Town of Ghent form its

own water district, which has been proposed numerous times in the past, so they would be eligible for monetary aid should any extensive repairs become necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM with a motion to adjourn by Rusty Vazac seconded by Jim Simmons.

The next meeting will be 02/20/2012 at the Tracy Memorial at 7 PM.