

Minutes of the Public Works Advisory Committee
03/05/2012 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, Marty Schmitt, and Steve Campbell.

Also in attendance: Mayor Tom Curran and Village Trustee George Grant.

The minutes of 01/23/2012 were approved with a motion to approve by Jim Simmons which was seconded by Rusty Vazac.

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

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 it's 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. At this meeting it was noted that the people in Ghent receiving water from the Village of Chatham should be made aware of the situation so they are not surprised with higher water bills when replacement of the degrading pipes becomes a reality.

It was decided that Steve Campbell should write up our conclusions regarding 1) the water tower, 2) the reservoir and 3) the situation with the Hamlet of Ghent's water supply and put them into a format which could be presented to the Mayor and Village Board.

The next topics to be discussed with the purpose of sending suggestions to the Mayor and Village Board will be: Equipment, Outsourcing, Routine Maintenance, Planning for Repair and Replacement of the village water system (where needed), and the topic of procuring grants to help fund our recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM with a motion to adjourn by Rusty Vazac seconded by Jim Simmons.

The next meeting will be 03/19/2012 at the Tracy Memorial at 7 PM.