

MINUTES OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY July 11, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.
Town Clerk's Office

Members Present: Jes Alexant, Brooks Sturtevant, Marshall Ploof and Sara Rainville (secretary).

Guests: John Kiernan-Otter Creek Engineering, Peter Magnant-select board member and Robert Baran-Lake Carmi Campers Association Treasurer.

Meeting called to order by Jes Alexant at 6:06 p.m., the pledge of allegiance was said.

Agenda Amendments:

Add Public Comment after agenda amendments, all members in favor.

Move Recap of Meeting with State Engineers and Status of Otter Creek Engineering to after public comment, all members in favor.

Public Comment:

Robert Baran is concerned with the 50% increase that the LCCA received on their July 1, 2016 water bill for the spigot that's on the outside of the Fire Station. Jes explained that all users' received the same increase effective January 1, 2016 billing; price billed per unit went from \$100 to \$150. Robert questioned the billing of 3 units considering that people only use the water for consumption, no one is using bathing or using for toilets. Sara explained to the members that the LCCA is only billed annually on July 1 for 3 units, they do not receive a January bill, this is the information that she received when the Franklin Fire District handed over their customer list to the Town in late spring/ early summer 2015. Marshall further noted that the agreement for 3 units and only to be billed in July had been made many years ago on a handshake by the LCCA & Franklin Fire District president's at the time. Robert would like the commissioners to reconsider the 3 unit billing that is currently be charged to the LCCA every July. Meter installation and readings were discussed. The commissioners stated that they would discuss his concerns and invited him to attend the August. The commissioners thanked Robert and he exited the meeting.

Recap of Meeting with State Engineers & Status of Otter Creek Engineering:

Jes welcomes John Kiernan to the meeting. John updated the commissioners on the meeting that was held at the State on the Franklin water system project; he feels that Ray Solomon is convinced that Franklin's water is very corrosive and will need to implement a corrosion control system with the upgrades that are going to be done.

Lead & copper sampling was discussed.

Peter Magnant is concerned that anything we have to add to the water will affect its taste.

Contamination of chemicals in the water system was discussed. The features of a liquid corrosion control versus a limestone chip contact basket were reviewed. All members would prefer the limestone chip basket, as it's a more natural treatment of the water. Jes also noted that the liquid chemicals are potentially more hazardous. Possible installation locations were discussed.

Jes noted that the State compliance schedule will be delayed as we have still not heard back from the State with their final approval on the Phelps preliminary engineering report. Jes will follow-up with Michelle Carbonneau with the State.

John was thanked and he exited the meeting.

Approve Minutes:

Jes/Brooks made the motion to approve the June 13, 2016 minutes, all in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer's Report:

Sara presented the water commissioners with a trial balance report for FY16; checking account balance \$24,783.20. All bills have been paid for FY 2016.

A warrant with supporting invoices for FY17 totaling \$7612.13 was submitted for review and signatures by Sara; the water commissioners reviewed and signed the warrant.

Sara noted that there is still one active water account that is past due from the January 1, 2016 billing, the bill had been sent to the current tenant but Sara will send a copy of the past due bill and July 1, 2016 bill to the owner of record on file with the Town; all members in favor of Sara sending letter with copies of bills.

Sara sent out July 1, 2016 bills to users, the bills were for January –June 30, 2016; there were 113.5 units billed out totaling \$17,545.00.

Water Use Ordinance/Bylaws:

Jes is still working on making the suggested changes from the June 13, 2016 water meeting, he will resend the document to Sara to distribute to all members.

Other Business:

- add the LCCA to the August 8, 2016 water commission business meeting agenda
- Sara is working on finalizing the Planning Loan paperwork and will have at the August meeting for review; Jes offered his assistance in the completion of the paperwork.
- Marshall noted that the water leaks have been repaired at Sodaro's and Maynard's on Main Street.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the FELCO Room in the Franklin Homestead, this is the Water Commissions Annual Meeting, once adjourned they will enter their regular monthly business meeting.

Brooks/Marshall made a motion to adjourn; all in favor 3-0, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully,
Sara Rainville
July 12, 2016

These minutes are not official until approved at the Water Commissions next regular meeting.

These minutes were approved August 8, 2016.