

Village of Mapleton
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes
RESCHEDULED

Mapleton Village Hall, 8524 Main St

Thursday, December 13, 2018

5:30 pm

A. Call to Order by Harvey Stidham, Chair at 5:34 pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call: Harvey Stidham, Chair; Mike Beecham, Mark Brining.
Also in attendance: Patricia Briggs, Clerk and Fritz Rench, Water Operator.

D. Subjects

a) High Usage Process for payment

Harvey explained that we have had a couple of residents with high usage. One resident had no flow and then had 28,000 gallons in 6 days and no one was living in the house. Since that time, there has been no usage. He explained that he had misinterpreted the report thinking it was 120 gallons a minute instead of 2 gallons per minute so he asked the clerk to write off all the charges except for the minimum usage because she was not living there and water was shut off in the house. Another resident had a leak outside the house. He is on disability. He's never been late, always pays on time. He explained that it is going to be very difficult for him to pay that high amount. Since he is due to have \$150 back for his deposit the clerk was instructed to call him and let him choose what works best: apply the refund to his bill or make payments each month. Clerk introduced a payment plan form and asked if the committee would consider taking filling a pool off as a reason for high usage, since anyone with a pool should be aware that their usage will be up. The committee agreed that filling a pool is not a reason to make payment arrangements.

b) Shut Off Process- Harvey read the policy (Available in the Office). The Committee had no changes to recommend on the policy.

c) Hydrant Leaking – There is a hydrant leaking on Wheeler road. It's an old one and was tightened as much as possible. The hydrant needs to be replaced. Fritz says the valve is buried 4' deep so shouldn't freeze, and if it does, it will just bust the barrel. Mike Beecham asked if it should be done before an emergency

happens The Water Operator statement that it might just need opened up and exercised and that there may be crud down inside. Harvey call about exercising the valve. It was decided that if we hire someone and they have to dig that far we should probably have a valve on hand and just replace it. Fritz says just the hydrant is needed, that it is all one piece but he can't get the cap off. Mike recommended we contact Walker Excavating and have it looked at. This would be considered regular maintenance so board doesn't have to vote on it. Harvey will call Walker and Fred will be the contact. If we need to order a hydrant it is a 6" that we would order from Core & Main (used to be HD). Mark gave him the phone number and asked Harvey to see if they have a used one before we order a new one.

- d) Winter Work – Any work we want to do this winter? Mark Brining stated that all our power tools that run on gas need to be taken out and run them all to make sure they're working and then empty the tanks.
- e) Line insurance for residents – Information about leak and line insurance for residents that would be billed as part of their water bill was discussed. It was decided that the clerk and Harvey would work to get a survey together to be mailed out in January 2019 to ask if residents would be interested.
- f) Parameters for returning deposits – It was determined that a resident must have two years of continuous, on-time payments in order to receive their water deposit back.
- g) Garbage increase from June 2017 was never voted on – Nothing right now

E. **Additional Business**

Mike Beecham talked about losing Robertson's income (auto salvage yard) and having them annex in. He explained that we are losing sales tax income. If we work with them with getting water lines in and get them annexed in, we'll probably get it back in sales tax. Mike thought that was a safe bet. It was decided that we should get some figures about costs for both sides together. Mike stated that this would also give us additional land that could be annexed in.

Mark brought up the plan he proposed a year or so ago about putting in an RO water system at the hall. He explained that the company installs it. We would need to do some wiring, plumbing and cut a hole in the back room for the unit to be placed in. They place and maintain it and split the cash 50/50 with the Village. This system would pay for the water usage for the hall. It was decided they would take a Look at it again. Harvey pointed out that there is a waste associated with it as well which would increase the cost of installation.

Water Operator asked if he should continue to monitor the meter of the resident who had high usage and wasn't living in the house. Fritz is to monitor the water when the new owner moves in to make sure there isn't an ongoing issue.

F. Adjourn Open Session – adjourned at 6:08 pm

Patricia A. Briggs

Transcribed by Patricia Briggs, Village Clerk

APPROVED