

Village of Mapleton
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

6:00 p.m.

*Meeting to be recorded ***

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A. Call to Order by Liz Rench, Water Chair at 6:00 PM

B. Role Call

In attendance: Liz Rench, Chair; Harvey Stidham

Also attending: Fritz Rench, Water Operator; Will Monks, Bill Hodges and clerk, Patricia Briggs.

C. Subject

a. Water Department changes

Liz started a discussion on separation of duties as follows: Will will start doing weekend and holiday reads at the tower; 30 day reads, shutoff and turn on meters for unpaid water bills and answering calls from the tower.

Fritz will do weekday reads and check on reported leaks; monthly reports, and water samplings. Liz stated that we are waiting for the meter to come in to be able to check ammonia levels at the tower and Fritz will work with the IEPA and the engineers. He will also continue doing Julie markings and hydrant flushing unless that is something the committee wants Will to do. Will already helps with repairs and major breaks.

Liz is working with David Rudd about doing major repairs, as he has many years of experience and has been the Kingston Mines water operator for 30 years.

Harvey confirmed that Fritz is contracted for 20 hours a month for \$600 and is then paid \$15/hour for anything over 20 hours.

Liz said she had spoken with Lane Alster, Village Attorney, who said that new contracts will be needed. Harvey asked Fritz how many hours he wants to work...Maybe ten hours and then hourly after that is completed?

Will gets paid hourly because he checks water at the tower and does shutoffs and call ins when Fritz is off.

There was a discussion about Will taking the coursework to become a water operator and Fritz and Will are researching what is available right now. There is hope that the classes are now on-line due to Covid so it might be a good time to take them instead of having to drive to different cities for classes. We have to maintain a Water Operator with a Class C license in order to continue to distribute water. Fritz has a zoom class to attend to get one more hour for his continuing education classes.

Liz stated that Bill Hodges has agreed to be appointed as a two-year trustee starting in May and will be chair of water. Bill can't take calls during the day, but can follow via text messages. There was talk about the pumps at the tower getting older and Bill stated that he rebuilds pumps all the time and could make sure the pumps keep running.

Will confirmed that he is ok with the duties as assigned.

Fritz stated that the transducer needs to be recalibrated again.

Liz explained that the company that painted the tower will be back as soon as the weather is warm enough to paint the section of pipe revealed by the removal of the old shed.

Fritz said that he is hearing sounds of water running at the tower, even when everything is shut off and asked Harvey to take a look at it.

Liz will have Lane write up the water contract and wages have been discussed.

D. Additional Business

A. Adjourned Open Session at 6:54 PM

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**This meeting was not taped, as the tape recorder was not available.

Patricia S. Briggs
Transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs, Village Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees 12 May 2021

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