

**WATER DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2025**

WATER DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR KETURI AT 7:10 PM.

ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD

HAROLD SHOEMAKER-DEPT. SUPV.
PENNY FLORA-COUNCILPERSON
ANDREW LARISON-COUNCILPERSON-EXC
FRED SWAYZE, JR.-COUNCILPERSON
GEORGE KETURI-SUPERVISOR

WATER DISTRICT OFFICERS

DONNA REDSICKER-WATER CLERK
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK/DPTY. WATER CLERK
HEATHER GABLE-WATER OPERATOR

OTHERS PRESENT: KAREN FRICK, JANET SAYRE

CORRESPONDENCE ON FILE: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- SHOEMAKER STATED ONGOING REPLACEMENT OF METERS AND TRANSMITTERS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE. ONLY 20 REMAIN, 17 OF WHICH ARE PITS (INGROUND METER HOUSING). SHOEMAKER LATER EXPLAINED HAVING TWO TOWN EMPLOYEES COMPLETED WORK IS FOR SAFETY REASONS.
- SHOEMAKER EXPLAINED THAT HYDRANTS PAINTED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO NEED REPAINTING. KENNEDY VALVE HAS BEEN CONTACTED FOR RECOMMENDATION OF LONG-LASTING PAINT.

COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE:

- MS. FRICK ASKED IF ALL METERS ARE BEING CHANGED OUT OR AS NEEDED. SHOEMAKER RESPONDED METERS ARE CLOSE TO 15 YEARS OLD AND BATTERIES ARE DYING. ONCE ALL METERS ARE CHANGED, TOWN IS ABLE TO MONITOR LEAKS. IN ADDITION, BADGER HAS AN APP FOR RESIDENTS TO MONITOR THEIR NEW METER. THEY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL NEW METERS BE INSTALLED BEFORE APP ROLL OUT.

NEW BUSINESS:

- SHOEMAKER REPORTED THAT A NEW SUBMERSIBLE PUMP IS ON ORDER FOR BACK UP.
- SHOEMAKER STATED HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDED FINAL CHEMUNG COUNTY SANITARY SURVEY WITH FIVE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, WHICH DEAN WETZEL HAS BEEN CONTRACTED TO COMPLETE.
- SHOEMAKER EXPLAINED GRANT APPLICATION IS FOR REPLACEMENT OF DIESEL FUEL GENERATOR WITH PROPANE GENERATOR AT PUMP HOUSE. CCDOH (CHEMUNG COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH) WILL BE PROVIDING RECOMMENDATION FOR THE UPGRADE.
- SHOEMAKER INDICATED THAT SCADATEK TECHNICIAN SCHEDULED TO INVESTIGATE MALFUNCTION OF SENSOR AT WATER TANK RECENTLY REPLACED.
- SHOEMAKER MENTIONED TANK INSPECTION SHOULD BE SCHEDULED NEXT YEAR.
- SHOEMAKER TOLD THE BOARD THAT PROPERTY OWNER ON LANGFORD CREEK ROAD/CEMETERY ROAD WANTS TO CONSOLIDATE TWO PARCELS. ONE PARCEL IS SPLIT BETWEEN THE WATER DISTRICT AND THE TOWN. PROVIDING WATER TO PROPERTY WOULD BE OWNERS EXPENSE AND VERY COSTLY. CONSOLIDATING PROPERTY WOULD ALLEVIATE OWNER FROM ANNUAL FEE. SWAYZE INDICATED TOWN ATTORNEY SHOULD REVIEW TOWN'S OPTIONS.

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- DISCUSSION FOLLOWED CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF BACK UP WATER OPERATOR. GABLE SUGGESTED SEARCHING FOR CLASS D OPERATOR. DISCUSSION INCLUDED BUILDING RESERVE FUND TO ALLOW FOR ANY FUTURE BREAKDOWNS OR EMERGENCIES.
- FUTURE MEETINGS WERE DISCUSSED ALONG WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND RESIDENT NOTIFICATION. NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 30TH AT 7:00 PM.
- MS. FRICK BROUGHT UP ISSUE OF OFFICIAL TOWN NEWSPAPER. SWAYZE SUGGESTED BOARD REVIEW AT NEXT TOWN MEETING.

ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM MOTION BY SWAYZE. SECONDED BY FLORA. ALL AYE. CARRIED.