

SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 76 WILLIAM STREET, LYONS, NEW YORK FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE WATER PLANT DECOMMISSIONING.

PRESENT: Corrine Kleisle, Mayor
Dennis Alvaro, Deputy Mayor
Richard Evangelist, Joanne Greco, Terry VanStean, Trustees
Denise Darcangelis, Clerk-Treasurer

Also Present: Peter Blandino, Helen Blandino, Dan LaGasse, Mark Tayrian, Ryan Colvin and Marty Aman

There were no persons from the public present.

Mayor Kleisle welcomed everyone present and all stood for the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Kleisle discussed in length the factors in the decision to decommission the Water Plant. Mayor Kleisle stated 28-30% of all water sales were purchased by Parker Hannifin. In the fall of 2009, when Parker Hannifin was in the process of closing, sales were significantly reduced. Village water sales totaled approximately 160 million gallons in 2000, but had fallen to only 114 million gallons in 2009. From October 2010 to July 2011 we have sold 87,346 million gallons for the year. A realistic projection for future sales is 80 million gallons a year.

Mayor Kleisle stated many factors went into the decision to close the water plant. The water plant is very old. A lot of repairs and upgrades will need to take place if we were to keep the water plant operational to produce our own water. Another well would have to be drilled and upgrades to the plant were estimated to be 2.5 to 3 million dollars. This project would not be completed until 2013. Another factor is our Foreman of the Water Plant recently retired. We no longer have a certified operator.

Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority are hoping to do a loop on West Water Street Trailer Park. That is 5,365,000 gallons of water annually. The Village of Lyons will be losing 20 million dollars in revenue.

In 2009, the Village Board commissioned Stu Brown's Office to perform a Water Study for us. In 2010 the Village Board reviewed the findings. In the spring of 2011 the Village Board voted to decommission the Water Plant. We are now working with MRB Group to decommission the Water Plant. As of June 22, 2011, we are purchasing all of our water from the Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority.

By going with the Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority, our new estimate for water rates is \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons. If we were to do upgrades to the plant, and keep it operational, we are looking at a rate of \$2.00 to \$3.00 higher than \$7.00.

The Mayor asked the Village Board if they had any questions.

Trustee Evangelist questioned if we could keep a well open for fire protection for other than water consumption. Ryan Colvin, P.E., MRB Group Engineering, stated this could be done but we need to be very careful that the water is not put into the water system. We would have to get approval from NYS DEC. He would not recommend this.

Peter Blandino, Mayor of the Village of Newark, stated on July 4, 2011, there was a major water break on Route 31 that was as bad as we could have anticipated. All things that could have gone wrong did. However, the Village of Lyons residents did not see the effects of this.

Marty Aman, Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority stated he feels our main concern should be to get on top of our water leaks within the Village. We have a lot of money going into the ground. The Village of Seneca Falls has a private company that comes in and assists with water leaks.

Ryan Colvin, P.E., MRB Group Engineering, stated to replace a leaky valve costs approximately \$3,500 and takes a day to repair. The Village of Lyons needs to plan and prepare for replacing these. There are many in the Village that need repair.

We will contract with the Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority for the next month or two until Michael Salerno gets his D license for water system operations. Reports will need to be signed and paperwork will need to be certified. Marty Aman, Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority, suggests a good back up person for Mike Salerno too. This person could tie in with the meter readings and work with the Department of Public Works.

Mark Tayrien, AICP, Stuart I. Brown Associates, commented the Village of Lyons does not have the volume to make the necessary improvements to make Water Plant upgrades required to keep it operational. He feels it would be best to put our money into our infrastructure.

Mayor Kleisle thanked everyone for their help and guidance through this process.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Alvaro, second by Mr. Evangelist

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

AYES: Mr. Alvaro, Mr. Evangelist, Ms. Greco, Mr. VanStean

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Denise Darcangelis, Clerk-Treasurer