

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

June 26, 2018

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

Those present: Dominic Misasi, Chairman
 Vicky Moxley, Member
 Paul Struve, Member

Also Present: Noel Cummings, President
 Tim Kovel, Trustee
 Larry Rice, Trustee
 Lida Mills, Trustee
 Vernon Millsap, Water Department Foreman
 Sharon Wells, Deputy Clerk

Tonight's meeting is to discuss:

1. Delinquent water bills
2. Handling of Rental Property delinquent water bills

Mr. Misasi said the list of delinquent water bills has been updated. What brought the meeting on was that the policy in the past was to not send any notices out to the people who are delinquent. Mrs. Wells stated about one month ago a copy of the past due bill were sent out to the people who were delinquent. There were a lot of responses to this, but there are still some past due bills. Mr. Misasi wanted opinions if letters should go out to people who are past due.

Mr. Millsap has said in the past turning off water has worked with people who are delinquent in their water bills. Mr. V. Millsap and Mrs. Wells said they were told by a past trustee that they were not allowed to turn off anyone's water.

There was discussion as to what should be done with people not paying. Mr. Millsap said that it is a process. They are sent letters and given the opportunity to make payments.

Mr. Struve was concerned about Mobile Home residents that water is being shut off on. The mobile home parks are paying there bill to the Village. Mr. O'Connell said the Mobile Home Parks do not have a legal right to turn off anybody's water. Mrs. Moxley

said that landlords have the right to evict tenants who are not paying their bills. The mobile home park has the right to evict based on people not paying their bills, but they cannot shut off tenant's water. Mrs. Wells reiterated that the Mobile Home parks are paying their water bills to the Village.

Clerk Gardner brought up emails that have been received from other municipalities. Some neighboring municipality's ordinances read water bills stay in the land lord's names. Mr. Millsap said that if people cannot pay bills the Village is willing to work with them to make payments. Mrs. Moxley said the government does have problems that allow people to get utilities at a highly discounted rate. She does not want to have to turn water off for people, but she does not want people to think they do not have to pay the water bill.

The ordinance 8-3B-5 section C reads:

1. Before said water shall be turned off, notice shall be served upon the user, either by certified mail or in person, informing said user of the (60) sixty day delinquency, the amount due, plus penalties, and the date on which service will be shut off.
2. If said user requests a hearing on this matter, the village shall grant said user a hearing within (10) ten days of such request. The village president shall designate a person to serve as hearing officer in the matter and determine whether the amount of the billing is true and correct and whether sufficient reason, based upon the amount of delinquency and past payment history, exist to turn off the water.
3. If the user is a person other than the owner of the premises, then the owner or person designated as the tax assessee shall also receive notice of said water turnoff.

Mr. O'Connell asked that the process that is in the ordinance be resumed. Mr. O'Connell would like the delinquent letter to go to the tenant and the home owner.

Mrs. Moxley and Mr. Rice brought up rebates that are given out to renters. Mrs. Wells said that renters receive a \$100.00 renter's rebate. Mr. O'Connell said if renters have not paid their water bill then the rebate shall not be given to the renter.

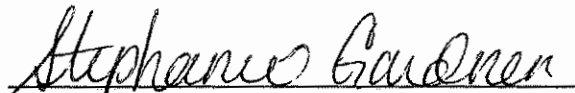
The water committee and other trustee decided to adhere to the current code. Resume procedure for non-payment that is stating in Ordinance 8-3B-5. Permission was also given for Mr. Misasi and Mr. V. Millsap to go over the code and make necessary

adjustment that will then be presented to the board. Notice of delinquency will be sent to tenants and to the owner of the property.

There was discussion as to whether the water bill is the responsibility of the renter or the property owner. Mr. V. Millsap asked that they be able to resume procedure for collecting water bills. Mr. O'Connell said send out the notices to people who are late on their bills. Mr. Misasi clarified the existing code will be followed. Mr. Misasi and Mr. V. Millsap will review the code and if any changes are needed they will be brought to the board.

Mr. Misasi asked for a motion to close the Water Committee Meeting. A motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mrs. Moxley. Voting Aye: Mr. Misasi, Mrs. Moxley, Mr. Struve, Mr. Kovel, Mr. Rice, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None

Meeting closed at 7:51 p.m.


Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk