

Board of Trustees
Public Hearing
9-20-16 6:15PM
Community House

Present: Mayor Bernard Barnes, Trustees Martin Callahan, Gene Colorito, Connie Grant
Excused: Trustee James Castrucci


Also: Christopher Weaver, Fire Chief, Diana Callen, Police Chief, William Viciarelli, DPW, Water, Sewer, Gregory Morse, Marina, Alex and Dean Countrymen, 1st and 2nd Asst. Fire Chiefs

Public: See attached list

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Barnes and salute to flag was given.

The Mayor explained the purpose of the public hearing which was to discuss the upcoming increase in Water/Sewer Rates.

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Colorito. All ayes



Public: Mark Rice was the first to speak and he said that he heard the minimum bill for water/sewer was going up to \$318. He asked if the Village had stream-lined the plant, the blowers being the most expensive, have energy audit done. He said the pump station was not working and that needs to be corrected. The employees are not paid enough. The Mayor replied bill was only going up \$300 which is \$150 more a year or \$.43 a day. He said we have two grants going to replace the equipment at the Sewer plant, engineers are working on it.

Margaret DiGiacomo: what is base rate, answer is \$.05 per cubic ft. minimum of 2500 cu. Ft. for water and sewer would be 1.35 times that amount.

Dorothy Lull: she asked if everyone pays their bill, she heard that some bills are outstanding. The Mayor stated this was not true, if they don't pay their bill within 60 days, water is shut off and they pay an additional \$75 to get it turned back on. She also asked if it was legal to charge a minimum. The Attorney said yes it is legal.

Larry Rano: is this part of the garbage bill and Mayor said no, garbage is part of the General Fund Budget.

David Rice: He said he was glad that he now gets notified if there is a leak on his property.

Ronnie Sanquine: asked about the possibility of National Grid giving money for Variable Speed pumps, answer was that our engineer already did this.

A motion to close meeting was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes

