

Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Yorktown held on February 11, 2016 at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Present: Michael J. Grace, Supervisor
Greg Bernard, Councilman
Thomas Diana, Councilman
Edward Lachterman, Councilman

Tardy: Vishnu V. Patel, Councilman

Also Present: Diana L. Quast, Town Clerk
Patricia Caporale, Town Comptroller
Michael McDermott, Town Attorney

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Michael J. Grace called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Bernard, the Town Board moved into Executive Session to conduct interviews for Town Engineer. Councilman Patel entered the meeting. Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Bernard, the Town Board moved out of Executive Session and proceeded with the meeting.

OVERVIEW WATER DEPARTMENT

Mr. David Rambo, Water Distribution Superintendent and Ken Rundle, Assistant Superintendent were present to give the Town Board an overview of the Water Department.

Superintendent Rambo stated that there are approximately 10,000 service connections currently serving residents through 174 miles of water mains throughout the Town. The Town purchases about 1 billion gallons of water from the Northern Westchester Joint Water Works annually at a cost of \$3.33 per thousand gallons. Approximately 840,000,000 gallons of water sold to customers at a cost of \$5.00 per thousand gallons generates 4,200,000 in revenue. 140 million gallons of water (\$800,000) (Non-Revenue) is lost to semi-annual hydrant flushing, system leakage, water main breaks and inaccurate water meters.

Superintendent Rambo requested that the Town Board authorize a bid for a Correlator Subsurface Leak Detector Monitor and to purchase two new Dump Trucks and a new Pick-up Truck for the Water Department off the Westchester County Contract.

The Town Board discussed a proposed local law to raise water rates in the Yorktown Consolidated Water District. The Town Board agreed to have a public hearing to amend Chapter 280, Water Rate Schedule to raise the water rate from \$5.00 to \$6.25 per 1,000 gallons.

Supervisor Grace stated that the water rates in the Yorktown Consolidated Water District have not been increased in at least ten years, the Town has absorbed the New York City water rate increases over that time. The Town of Cortlandt water rate is about \$3.00 more than Yorktown now.

OVERVIEW NORTHERN WESTECHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS

Mr. Mathew Geho, Operations Director and Catherine Paget, Business Director for the Northern Westchester Joint Water Works were present to give the Town Board an overview of the Joint Water Works and update the Town Board on a water tank issue. An inspection was done and the water tank on Locust Road failed. The tank has been patched temporarily but needs to be replaced before the peak time of water consumption in the summer months. The cost to replace this tank is estimated to be around 3 million dollars depending on the type of tank that is constructed. Mr. Geho explained that if they go with a steel tank the cost would be close to 3 million dollars and if they go with a pre-fabricated tank it will cost approximately 1.5 million dollars, currently there is a Request for Proposal out and it is due back at the end of February. Yorktown would be responsible for 49 percent of the replacement cost, Cortlandt would be responsible for 41 percent, Montrose would be 4 percent and Somers is 6 percent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Bernard, the Town Board moved into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular personnel in the Water Department. Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Bernard, the Town Board moved out of Executive Session and immediately adjourned.

ADJOURN

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Lachterman, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

Diana L. Quast, Town Clerk
Town of Yorktown