

# MINUTES - Town Board- Water Meeting

Meeting Date: Wed., March 26th, 1997  
Location: Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:30, 4 council members (not Ray), Gary and Janice were in attendance. Additionally, Mark Jacobi, Greg Fifer, Bill Sayguesser were present.

Mark Jacobi had sent a letter and made a formal request to the board for water for his Car Wash. He had previously been approved for a 1.5" main, but is now asking for a 2". It is anticipated that his heavy usage will be in the winter, and will be the equivalent of 25-27 houses. He was advised that he must put an anti-siphon device on the water line, which Gary is to give the details on. Also he was told that in times of water shortages, his would be the first to be turned off. We will send him a letter for him to sign. Mike 1st and Jerry 2nd.

Greg Fifer, Bill Sayguesser and Max Apple of Reynolds Group/Capitol Eng. gave a quick presentation on water from the Army Ammunition plant and their plans to bring it to the area. They advised that Ramsey dropped negotiations with them as Ramsey could not promise a million gallons. So now it basically boiled down to them bringing water to us and Floyds Knobs, but in order to make any sense, they would have to do both. They agreed that they would pay the difference between wholesale and retail rates that Edwardsville would charge if we were to buy water from them while Reynolds is constructing the lines. In return, we would sign a 40 year contract with provisions for increase indexes AND we would NOT buy water from anyone else unless it was an emergency. These people left.

The Rates with Edwardsville were discussed and the \$3,850/Mo minimum charge. The contract will not technically start until Edwardsville can supply us with 400,000 per day. Although this won't always be enough, their contract does not exclude us from buying from others should there be a need. Because of the minimum, purchasing gas from anyone else would be more expensive. Ted felt Floyds Knobs did not care if we bought water from them. If we don't buy their water, it leaves more for them. It was voted to stick with Edwardsville since they have the water and are more flexible. Ted will tell Jeff Fifer to contact Greg Fifer. Jerry motioned to have Ted & Gary negotiate with Edwardsville to see if we can get the rates down any and either way, sign the contract. Mike 2nd the above motion. Motion was carried.

Since Reynolds has agreed to do research on sewers at no cost to the town, it was voted to table doing any work on the Facilities plan.

Gary updated on the temporary line that was put in and advised that F.E.M.A. would pay 75%, State paying 12.5%, and Greenville picking up the remaining 12.5%. The total bill on the temporary fix was \$17,928.21. The permanent fix is anticipated to be \$25,000-\$30,000.

Gary requested a raise for the meter reader. Gary was given the authority to give them a raise as he sees fit up to a maximum of \$7.00/hr.

It was discussed that it was a problem in the office when FEMA was here and Jack was nowhere to be found. Council felt town hall should be notified when Jack is out-of-town so they can decide what to do in case of emergency or if he is needed to have a check signed. Also Jack's attendance at these Water meetings would be very much appreciated.

Gary discussed the need for another radio to leave in the office. He had several prices of both new and used. Jerry made a motion that Gary proceed to purchase, but try to see if a reconditioned is available and if not, use his judgement on the purchase of a new one.

The need to upgrade our antiquated computer systems were discussed. Ted made a motion that we proceed with the purchase and the final decision of what is needed should be discussed with Janet and Janice.

Janice advised that the Xerox copier needed a new drum that would cost several hundred dollars. Due to technology, we can buy a new Sharp copier for little more than the cost to repair. Jerry motioned that we go ahead with the purchase of a copier and Mike 2nd it.

Meeting was adjourned.