

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Eaton                      Councilman Higgins  
                         Councilman Potter                      Councilman Hitchcock  
                         Councilman Wolf                      Attorney W. Tuttle  
                         Town Clerk M. Peck

Absent:                      Hwy. Superintendent J. Moshier

Also present:              Town Engineer- K. Wilson, townspeople and news media

A salute to the flag at 7:00 pm opened the meeting and public hearing.

Supervisor Eaton gave a brief summary of what this public hearing regarding the water district is about. There have been several requests for single user districts. There is 7<sup>th</sup> Street and First Street that need water from the town. Only persons that hook up to a water district will benefit and pay for the water district. A person cannot be forced to hook into a water line if it goes by your property.

Attorney G. Yaw also gave a brief summary about this procedure from a legal standpoint. There are no proposals, however, at this time for a development.

Dave O'Dell - questioned that if a water district is formed, then a water department will be needed, correct? (he was answered that the Town has a water department already)

Carol Ozzella - questioned that if a water line were to go by her house, does she have to use it? (answered - no)

Attorney Tuttle - advised that the Town board will have to set a proportionate fee schedule for users and non users of water districts.

R. Mosman - questioned the fact that if he doesn't use this, then it won't cost him anything? (answer - correct)

Tom Miller - advised that same thing happened to Cranberry Road. Some people wanted the water district and some didn't; some hooked up to it and some didn't.

Attorney Yaw - advised that any water district will be analyzed by a qualified engineer.

A.Godet-Calogeras - (was late entering) wanted to know why this was happening.

Supervisor Eaton - gave her a summary of what previously was said.

Ellen Peck - questioned what the water source was and was there fluoride, sulfur, etc in it?

Supervisor Eaton advised that the water comes from the Village of Allegany and yes, there are additives as mentioned. (there is a water report out each year mailed to water users by the Town)

Dr. Jaremko - questioned how the people pay for the pipe that goes across their property.

Supervisor Eaton - the cost goes on the user's taxes.

Wendy Widger - asked that if she chooses not to use the water district, then she assumes she does not have to pay. (that is correct)

Blanche Dutton - was not happy with this issue. She is happy with her water and does not want a water district in her area.

Ralph Snider - if water district and lines go to the high school, then everyone will pay. He is also not happy with the placement of the No Parking Signs around the high school.

Hans Sendlakowski - questioned the fact that if the school wanted water lines, then they could do it even if the town did nothing. (answer - yes) education overrules Town Law.

Tom Miller - stated that a private water system is expensive, so this cost is not really so bad. Country people, however, want to keep their well water.

Mel Duggan - stated that he is afraid that this will end up like the reassessments did.

Larry Penman - is there water out there? He lives past the school and maybe this is a good idea. He is also worried about the cost structure of this.

Ron Kyser - stated that he is against a lot of things, but if it came to his property, he would probably hook up to it.

R. Mosman - questioned on who gets to vote on this issue. (ans: there are permissive referendum forms at the Town Clerk's Office)

Mrs. Atkins - questioned why the entire Town of Allegany was included in this water district? Outer areas most likely do not want public water.

Supervisor Eaton - advised that the entire town area was encompassed to same administrative procedures. Attorney Yaw also added that using the entire town as the area was the best way to go as it is almost impossible to draw lines for water districts when there are numerous areas.

Frank Snyder - if I receive water lines and a fire hydrant because of the school, do I have to pay for both? (ans.: ask the school)

Jim Elling - if the school puts in a water line, then it is a private line (the schools)

Don Black - asked how the town can sell water to people cheaper than the village can?  
Ans.: the water will be at the cost to the town.

Kirk Wilson - advised that the comprehensive town wide water district will use the existing network and will expand from that.

Councilman Potter - he answered questions and state that there are no immediate plans to put water lines in at this time. This is an administrative tool, only.

J. Scharf - who pays for this system if it is hooked up and then find out it doesn't work?

Kirk Wilson - explained that they use a computerized model of the system prior to actual placement of water lines, etc.

Mel Duggan - asked if we could buy water from the City of Olean? Supervisor Eaton answered yes we could.

T. Snider - what effect will these water lines have on our property assessments?

Attorney Tuttle - that is a good question to ask the assessor.

Don Black - asked about what approximate cost are property owners looking at?

Kirk Wilson - advised that approximate cost for an independent contractor to put water lines in is about \$80 to \$110 per foot.

#1-MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Potter to close the public hearing. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wolf. Higgins-aye, Potter-aye, Hitchcock-aye, Wolf-aye, Eaton-aye. CARRIED

Public Hearing and meeting closed at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Peck  
Town Clerk  
11/7/07