

A workshop was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on September 14, 2010 in the Town of Moreau Office Building, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York, for the purpose of discussing water hook- up fees.

Supervisor Jenkins called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.

Town Board Members Present

Tom Cumm	Councilman
Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Preston Jenkins	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

None

Also Present: Jeanne Fleury, Town Clerk; Jesse Fish, Water Superintendent; Joe Patricke, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer; Harry G. Gutheil, Jr., Village Resident; Reed Antis, Town Resident entered meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Councilman Cumm stated that he and Councilman Prendergast, the Water Committee, met with Tim Burley and Joe Patricke back in June and Tim Burley presented his calculations for buy-in and tap fees.

The breakdown he gave was as follows:

Storage Fee: \$2.50 per gallon per day times a 500 gallon per day average water use equates to \$500.00.

Source Buy-in Fee: \$551.20 based on a \$1.06 Queensbury contract buy-in fee and a peak factor of 2.6.

Storage Painting Reserve: \$88.72

Shared Improvement Fee: \$443.59 per EDU

Water Meter Inspection Fee: \$200.00

Copper Lateral Fees: Tim estimated it at \$200.00 and the Water Committee increased it to \$240.00 based on the increased cost of copper.

Equipment Rates: \$190.00 per hour times four hours equals \$760.00

Sub-Total: \$2,740.00 Tap Application Fee

Capacity Fee: \$1,580.00

Grand Total: \$4,320.00

Councilman Cumm stated that the Water Committee took out a lot of what Tim Suggested they include. They increased the capacity fee to \$1,700.00 and dropped the tap application fee from \$2,740.00 to \$1,400.00. This is how they arrived at the \$3,100.00 proposed tap application fee.

Councilman Prendergast recalled discussing at their last meeting about using pvc pipe instead of copper pipe, because it is cheaper and lasts as long.

Joe Patricke didn't recall them saying we should use pvc. Jesse Fish recommends using copper pipe and Jesse acknowledged this was correct.

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Councilman Prendergast stated that Councilman Cumm did an excellent job explaining how they got to the proposed fees and stated that at the last meeting Harry Gutheil raised a question and Joe Patricke was going to look into it. He asked Joe Patricke if he had.

Joe Patricke replied that he hasn't finished looking into it yet.

Councilman Cumm stated that he and Councilman Prendergast had concerns over the \$3,100.00 proposed fee also, but when Tim Burley outlined all the costs involved they took \$1,400.00 off the top of the one-time fees.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if didn't the different water districts have different expenses.

Supervisor Jenkins replied yes, but these are just buy-in fees not operating fees.

Joe Patricke said he disagreed with Councilman Cumm by stating that they didn't take \$1,400.00 off the top. They went through every item and evaluated everything Tim Burley did and Jesse Fish had input on labor and the number they came up with is realistic. Tim Burley said there is going to be work that has to be done.

Harry Gutheil stated that when he was Supervisor money was put aside in Water District 2 for a water tank recoat and there should be a substantial fund balance there.

Councilman Prendergast stated that there are substantial fund balances in some of the water districts and that is telling him that they are charging too much for water in those districts.

Harry Gutheil stated that they didn't set up a reserve fund, because once the money was in a reserve fund it is too hard to get it out. He stated that they were putting away \$40,000.00 a year for a future water tank recoat for five years. There will be infrastructure repairs and water tank recoat needed in the future. A million gallons of capacity has already been paid for by Water District 2. There is a cost for storage, capacity and repaint, but if they look at the water rate per 1,000 gallons they should find that some of this is built into the rate.

Supervisor Jenkins stated he agreed with Mr. Gutheil somewhat, but if we had to replace the main lines on Feeder Dam Road, Tanglewood Drive and Nolan Road we wouldn't have enough money. He realized that some of the rates included money for future maintenance.

Councilman Cumm asked where they go from here.

Supervisor Jenkins stated they would look at the current rates and how much of the rates we are putting in fund balance.

Councilman Kusnierz asked for a spreadsheet to be developed showing each water district, number of users, rates, usage, fund balance (3 year history), when water rates were increased and what the Water Committee is proposing that we charge.

Supervisor Jenkins suggested that the spreadsheet include the cost per 1,000 gallons in each district to operate.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Prendergast and Councilman Cumm agreed to meet on Tuesday morning with Joe Patricke to go over this information.

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The Town Clerk asked the board if they could answer her memo regarding Landmark and Aqua Falls Pools and whether or not to send them a minimum bill like all the other customers in Water District 6 who don't use the water, but are hooked up. The difference between Landmark and Aqua Falls and other customers in district 6 is that these two businesses do not have a water meter installed.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that the water line into Landmark may have to be replaced. It may not be big enough. So he didn't think they would do anything with that one.

Supervisor Jenkins suggested that the Water Committee discuss it next Tuesday.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to adjourn the workshop at 6:50 p.m.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Cumm	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Cumm	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

Workshop adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Fleury
Town Clerk