

Northport Village Corporation
Utilities Committee
August 11, 2006

Minutes

Present: David Crofoot, Chairman; Judy Metcalf, Jane Strauss, Jim Coughlin (by phone), Dick McElhaney, Superintendent; Bill Paige, Village Agent; Judy Rohweder, Dick Brockway and Karen Hoedtke, Secretary.

Metcalf moved and Strauss seconded to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Metcalf thanked Paige for eliminating the long-standing odor on Maple Street.

Superintendent's Report

Sewer Department

June Monitoring Data: No license exceptions during June. Flow averaged 41,600 gpd vs. 8.98" of rain; maximum flow was June 8th with 165,400 gals. when 1.78" of rain fell. Minimum flow day was June 1st with 11,000 gals.

BOD and TSS averaged 5/lbs/day and 3 lbs/day respectively. Removal rates were: BOD 88%, TSS 92%. No fecal coliform violations.

July Operating Data Snapshot: Full compliance again in July. Flow averaged 27,200 gpd vs. 6.36" of rain.

Maple Street Sewer Line Repairs: Longstanding odor complaints from some Maple Street residents were resolved when Paige discovered wastewater backing up into a basement from a broken building drain and flowing out a floor drain into an adjacent street ditch. Apparently, the contractor who installed the floor drain piping broke the main sewer line, covered it over with boards, and did not notify the Department. Over time, gravel and sand leaking into the sewer line plugged it. Approximately 40' of old VC pipe was replaced with PVC pipe. Total cost of repairs was just under \$2,300.

Annual DEP Inspection: Denise Behr and Don Albert of the MDEP inspected the treatment plant on July 13th; everything inspected was satisfactory. In their report, the DEP noted the installation of the 60° V-notch weir, the correction of the 1" offset error to more accurately measure flow, NVC's plans to install an alarm light at the treatment plant to alert personnel when there is a power outage, the status of the out-of-service treatment train, and our ongoing issues and plans to deal with I&I. DEP has requested that we keep them informed of our progress on all.

Note: The alarm light needs to be installed as soon as possible.

Lightner Sewer Connection: The installation of a new sewer connection for the Lightner accessory building and the termination of the old sewer connection to the main house were completed.

Water Department

June Operating Data: Water consumption in June averaged 25,975 gpd compared with 25,004 gpd in May and 31,866 for the same operating period last year. June 26th was the high day with 44,058 gals. The lower usage this year was probably a result of a very wet June and, accordingly, a late start for the vacation season.

Chlorine residuals in the distribution system averaged .13 ppm; daily peak flow averaged 55 gpm. Test results for coliform were negative.

Requests for Connections: There were none.

Other Business:

The issue of parking on the treatment tanks was discussed. We need to protect the integrity of the tanks. Nothing (fences, day sailors, etc.) should interfere with the inspection and the pumping of the tanks (usually late May and early September). The committee agreed that there should be no parking of any kind in the area of the treatment tanks and that the no parking area should be well-defined. Also, the Overseers should be instructed that all parking is inappropriate; request that the Overseers send a letter to the Yacht Club apprising them of this determination.

At the Annual Meeting a serious appeal was made to all members for gifts, legacy bequests or other monies to allow the upgrade of the treatment facilities without waiting for State funding.

The camera inspection of some of the sewer mains should take place during October or November, the wettest months. McElhaney was urged to contact Ted Berry Co. and reserve some time for this project.

Thanks were extended to David for his presentation of the Ordinance at the Annual Meeting which resulted in a virtually unanimous acceptance.

The sewer application form will be discussed at the next meeting which is scheduled for September 8th at 2:30.

Metcalf moved and Strauss seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen. L. Hoedtke