

**Northport Village Corporation
Utilities Department Meeting
Friday, January 5, 2007
2:30 p.m.**

Present: David Crofoot (Chairman), Jane Strauss, Judy Rohweder, Linda Bend-Houghton, Judy Metcalf (by phone), Dick McElhaney, Paul Bartels, Marge & Dick Brockway (by phone), Lee Houghton.

Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. (Vote unanimous.)

Superintendent's Report:

Wastewater Department: There were no license exceptions or violations for November and none likely in December. Wastewater flow averaged 42,557 gallons per day in November compared with 25,130 in October and 86,000 for November 2005. Rainfall of 5.8 inches was slightly above average but less than the 7.9 inches recorded in 2005.

BOD (5 lbs/day, 12 mg/l, 96% removal) and TSS (6 lbs/day, 11 mg/l, 96% removal) were well within allowed parameters for wastewater treatment. Daily settle able solids averaged 0.1 ml/l and pH ranged from 6.7 to 6.9.

Trend charts were included in the superintendent's report to illustrate these findings.

Water Department. Water consumption averaged 15,181 gpd compared to 17,477 in October and 13,879 in November 2005. The high day was 36,069 gallons on the day of the Maple Street fire, and the low day was 11,303 gallons. Chlorine residuals of .02 ppm were well below the recommended upper limit of 0.2 ppm. The monthly test for coliform organisms was negative.

Old Business:

A letter from the Northport Volunteer Fire Chief, Mike Alley, and a response by David Crofoot led to further discussion of fire protection assets within the village. The fire pond holds a significant volume (250,000 gallons), but the three hydrants in the village are fed only by gravity flow. Dick McElhaney will discuss the possibility of installation of a dry hydrant at the fire pond that would allow our hydrant system to be pressurized by an intervening pump or pumper truck. This approach might be achieved at an affordable price.

There are no pending applications for connection to the sewer. A projected water connection on Route 1 was deferred until the spring.

New Business:

The semi-annual letter discussing available funding for the Phase III wastewater upgrade was sent to DEP by Mr. McElhaney in December. This was reviewed along with money available in this year and next year's budget to support remediation of I&I and to put toward eventual debt service for the project which the DEP approves in principal.

Mr. Bartels and David Crofoot underwent a two hour training session on the CUSI billing program for utilities. It is hoped that water meters will be read this coming week to allow utility billing by January 15, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.