

PHOENICIA WATER COMMITTEE 2.24.26

In attendance:

Aglaia Kilb

Kerry Henderson

Kyle Steen

Kathryn Haber

Joe Michaels

Motion to approve the minutes and agenda by Joe. Aglaia Seconds it. All approve.

Pumps are ready to be picked up. Kyle needs to coordinate between Phil Garraffa and Dave Smith to get them. Dave is on vacation. Both Phil and Dave have to be there to install the pumps and Dave said he would store the pumps in his garage. One needs to be installed right away, one can wait. The phoenicia water plant lacks storage for these pumps. They will get them as soon as possible.

The Phoenicia water plant is getting cleaned but Anne Ricciadella has been taking care of her father, Rick Ricciadella. Rick needs to come and go through his stuff which has been delayed by his health. Kyle has cleaned out as much as possible and organized a bit.

Aglaia will update Joyce when sending the minutes that the dates of the water committee have changed so the town calendar can be updated.

Engineering plans updates: Kyle is unsure who to speak to about future plans. He is thinking NY Rural Water and RCAP solutions is the best place to start. The mains are extremely old and the system except for the water plant. Joe volunteered to look at the plant and see if there were things he could point out as an engineer.

Kyle has the distribution map that maps the mains. He has the diamond maps GPS system, which is not totally complete but Kyle has been adding points to the maps to add to the GPS system.

The water deputy position still does not have any interest as of today.

Current leaks and repairs: Jay street meter has blown out plate on the bottom. Phil will contact the home owner to fix the meter plate. Nate from NY Rural Water heard through the fire hydrant that there was a small leak on Jay street and then found through that that it was a house on Jay street.

There was a leak on Romer street. There was a shed/ second dwelling in the back that is on a meter. The home owners reported the leak themselves to the town. They have shut off the water to that dwelling and the meter will be fixed soon. It doesn't seem that someone lives in the

cabin/ dwelling situation. Kyle thinks that the water usage is now back to a decent level. After Romer was fixed usage went down to about 77,000 gallons a day.

School lane did not find a leak. Rich Winters did think that there was a leak by listening, Kyle agreed. Nate came and couldn't find any leak.

Kyle needs new turbidimeters. There are three that monitor turbidity and they are over 23 years old. The company doesn't make the model or support them. Kyle will need to find funding and is asking the committee to find funding. Kyle will call the company to get some prices and information for the committee to look into. Kyle would like to save the money for these if possible as he is still not fully sure about what funds are to what. Robert Drake or Babs Mansfield on the town board would know more about where these funds go to.

Kathryn suggests creating a "wishlist" of things Kyle needs for the town for the committee to look through but wants Kyle to have a budget so that the committee can understand what money we are working with. Kyle asks that the committee see what we need to get funding.

One wishlist thing would be another storage facility for the chlorine as it's not supposed to be stored the way it is now. The pumps could also be stored there. Sizing of the storage facility depends on if the chlorine can be safely stored outside without a heating source. Another would be meters with remote reading so that it's easier to find leaks with houses like STRs and second homes because Kyle doesn't need to go into the house to see a leak. Kyle would hope that these systems would be put in in the next five years. Residents might be upset as these meters would be more accurate and people will probably be charged more.

To have these springs located near Water Works Road as a backup source of water would be great but the springs need a lot of TLC, maybe including being dredged and fixing pipes that lead down hill. This would also need finding to have engineers tell us how to fix it and repair. Joe could also look as he is licensed. These springs have to be tested even though we are not using them because they are listed as sources of water. Testing needs to be done approximately before May for these to even still be listed as a source of water for the town. Kathryn thinks it would be a good idea to see what would happen if they did fail and suggests that Jeffrey Albert from Ulster County Department of Health attends the next (or a future) meeting. Kyle could take a sample and bring it to the Kingston water facility and test for E.coli and other contaminants to see how the water is fairing currently.

Aglaiia will connect Kyle with John Kilb to get more information about these springs.

The meeting adjourned by Aglaia at 10:01, Kerry seconds the motion to adjourn. All approve.