

Town Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2012, 7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Robert Gell. Commissioners Gell, Durange, Letts were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Holden Ostrowski, Boy Scout Troop 144

Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the August 28, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Commissioner Letts motioned to approve, Commissioner Durange seconded, and all were in favor. Minutes were approved as written. This was approved 3-0.

Accounts Payable Review - The Accounts Payable report provided to the Commissioners was reviewed. Commissioner Letts motioned to accept the Accounts Payable report. This was approved 3-0.

Miller Environmental Report – Robert Corn was not able to be present. However, Mr. Pumpaly reviewed highlights of report. He also stated that he noticed rust spots on the bottom part of the bowl of the tower. He said that he had contacted Miller Environmental regarding the issue.

Sheriff's Report – August 2012 – Deputy Brewer presented the Sheriff's monthly report. No questions or comments received.

Cecil Co. D.P.W. – Seneca Pt Up-grade – Jonathan Pohlman & John V. Spullken
Jonathan Pohlman introduced John Spullken to present the possibility of Charlestown water to tie into Seneca Point. Mr. Spullken displayed the blue prints of existing Seneca Point and the proposed upgrades due to the area growth within the next 10 years. He explained that they would like to tie into Charlestown water system, primarily for use in the Control Building, for flushing toilets, showers, lab water, etc. The upgrade is mainly to increase filtration as the existing quality of the current well is "not great right now". Another future upgrade not illustrated on this print is a SAL tank to handle sludge, as that is currently a choke point for the plant. Dr. Gell asked Mr. Spullken to clarify what Seneca Point is asking of Charlestown. Mr. Spullken clarified that they would expect to use 4000 to 5000 gallons per day on a regular, non-emergency basis but would need approximately 44,000 gallons per day or more in the case of an emergency such as a fire or if their system would fail. Mr. Spullken assured everyone that the system has many safeguards and is not expected to fail and if it did it wouldn't be for more than 24 hours before it would be up and running at full capacity again.

Mr. Pumpaly commented that we have prior commitments to developers and to other potential lots within our Town listed on our Comprehensive Plan. All of those developments may or may not happen. Mr. Pumpaly calculated that we would need any additional 99,000 gallons of water each day if those additional residences were added. That would put us at 186,000 gallons a day if you add 44,000 gallons for Seneca Point. Our wells are producing approximately 96,000 a day and with the two current wells can only go to approximately 115,000 gallons a day. The third well that is located by the tower is not being utilized currently and the reason is unknown. Mr. Pumpaly stated that it is being investigated and URS has also been called. So the concern is, if we cannot get the third well operational, we will not have enough water for all of our commitments.

Mr. Pumpaly itemized a few possible options; drill a new well, hire an expert such as Schultz to evaluate well #3 and maybe go deeper, install generators on the two functioning wells and a generator in the water tower as well. Water Tower has enough reserve to last about 3 to 3 ½ days.

Dr. Gell suggested to Mr. Spullken that maybe Seneca Point would be interested in working with us to increase our water capacity. Mr. Spullken said he thought this may be possible and could be beneficial to both of us. Mr. Pumpaly suggested we revisit this at the next Town Commissioners Meeting on September 25th.

Ryan Homes – Commissioner Letts brought up that Ryan homes proposed that we reduce or waive connection fees. Commissioner Letts motioned to not reduce or waive any fees for Ryan Builders or any others, commissioner Durange seconded it and all were in favor. 3 - 0

Town Administrator's Report

Old Business – Condition of the water tower is a concern and Mr. Pumpaly will be moving forward on that. Street work in Town as discussed previously is in progress. Our current Ford truck is not going to make it. Commissioner Letts and Mr. Pumpaly have been researching truck choices to replace it. We are looking to finance for 5 years and are sending out request for bids next week.

New Business

- **August Budget** - Mr. Pumpaly presented the August Budget Review for the Commissioners.
- **August Cash Balance Review** – Mr. Pumpaly presented the August Cash Balance Review for the Commissioners.
- **August Accounts Receivable Review** – Mr. Pumpaly presented the August Accounts Receivable Review for the Commissioners.
- **August Building Permit Review** – Mr. Pumpaly said there were 9 building permits this month and should have about the same number next month.

- **Period of Public Comment**
- Ursula Boudart – Supposition about Seneca proposal; they would pay us the commercial, out of town rates? Dr. Gell Replied “yes”.
- Gophery Richardson – we should be getting close to needing another tower. It was also commented that he is in favor of contracting work instead of buying Town equipment whenever possible.
- Prosper Boudart – commented that he would not buy a Ford truck with an international engine due to fact that he heard that they are having trouble getting them certified.

- The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Janine Antoshak, Town Clerk