

Village of Balsam Lake  
Public Works Committee  
Wednesday May 13, 2014 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Meeting called to order by Keith Swenson.

Members present: Keith Swenson, Glen Jones, Vera Bollinger

Others present: Darryl Ince

Committee members addressed concerns on Main Street Parking. Complaints have been heard from a few main street businesses concerning vehicles parking in front of their establishments for many hours. History on past procedures was discussed with Darryl Ince. Discussion was held on Ordinance 300-15 Parking requirements. (A) General. This chapter strongly encourages off-street visitor and staff parking to occur on the lot of the facility. The committee stated a letter be sent to main street businesses and apartments stating this ordinance. Discussion was held on Second Avenue West parking. This street is narrow and if there are two vehicles parked on both sides of the street it is difficult for vehicles to travel on the road at the same time from both directions. The committee will consider parking on one side only, preferably the south side. The committee will look further into the situation and a letter should be sent to the four residents letting them know further discussion will be held.

Committee members considered a fee rate increase to haulers for sewage discharge. Darryl Ince explained to the members the procedure taken for sewage discharge and reviewed the sewage discharge verification form. The current fee is \$22.50. \$15.00 per truck load up to 2,500 gallons for Village resident and \$7.50 surcharge per truck for non-resident. There has been no rate increase for many years. **Motion by Glen Jones to raise the fee rate to haulers for sewage discharge \$5.00 per truck and \$5.00 per surcharge for a total of \$10.00. Seconded by Vera Bollinger. All in favor. Carried.**

Discussion was held on the water meter testing schedule for the summer/fall season. Water meters should be tested every 10 years. The auditor would like to see 30-50 meters tested per year. Discussion was held on purchasing new water meters. New water meters do not have to be tested until after 20 years. The new regulations state that meters from a residential home must be placed back into the same home after testing or a new meter must be placed into the home and the old meter would then have to be junked. The labor to test a meter and place it back into the same home could take 3-4 hours. Based upon that fact the committee approved purchasing up to 30 new meters at \$118.00 per meter and placed into 30 residential homes this year to stay in compliance with the state regulations. **Motion by Glen Jones to purchase 3 cases of new meters and replacing up to 30 meters this year. Seconded by Vera Bollinger. All in favor. Carried.**

Motion to adjourn by Vera Bollinger. Seconded by Glen Jones. Carried.

Lori Duncan, Clerk Treasurer