

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LOUISVILLE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, NEW YORK  
APRIL 4, 2018; 6:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: LARRY LEGAULT, SUPERVISOR  
GAIL SCHNEIDER, COUNCILWOMAN  
SHAWN THOMPSON, COUNCILMAN  
PATRICK CARROLL, COUNCILMAN

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: DAVID MOULTON, COUNCILMAN

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT ABSENT: VERN FENLONG

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: ERIC GUSTAFSON

Supervisor Legault called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

This meeting has been called to review the updates for the Louisville Water Law and any other business that may arise.

Easement Paperwork: As per Attorney Gustafson easement paperwork should be completed for new installations. These easements do not have to be attached to the deeds but should be notarized or signed by a town Board member.

A \$25.00 fee for tap application is ok- add the dollar amount in the local water law

Attorney Gustafson will work on collecting the amount outstanding on the NYSDOT property located on SH 37. Water Clerk Orosz will review the NYPA properties that are not being charged debt repayment and any that are classified by the assessor's office as residential vacant land (311) will be billed retroactively.

Attorney Gustafson is ok with how the board would like to update the water law to adjust the edu charges when lots are combined and buildings are removed. (See wording in January 31, 2018 minutes).

The Daggett property on SH 56 was discussed. The Daggett's purchased the old motel and discovered after its purchase that it needs much more work than expected. They would like relief from the edu charges – per the water law every 3 doors equals a unit. The discussion for relief included: buyer beware and possible demolition of the structures.

There will be no charge for turning the water off and back on for a customer that has frozen pipes. The customer will be charged a labor rate if the water department thaws the lateral with the thawing machine.

Wording in the service lateral easements was reviewed: "The Town of Louisville will be responsible to maintain the service lateral for the next 38 years. At the end of the 39 year period, the property owner will then be responsible for maintenance of the service lateral from the property line to the building. The cost of any such repair shall be governed by local law." The Town Attorney stated that he is comfortable defending the statement in court. All repairs are to be made by the property owner. The Clerk stated that many believe that this statement means that the water district will pay for repairs until the debt repay loan is done. The Town Attorney stated that one sentence is maintenance and one sentence is charges. Maintaining the water line does not mean paying for the water line.

The Water District Agreement between the Village of Massena and the Town of Louisville was discussed with Attorney Gustafson. He needs more information to update the contract. The Board decided to scrap the agreement. Back Flow protection for the line is ok because there are two valves that have to be turned- one by Massena and one by Louisville.

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Clerk Cameron will contact Pat Curran concerning the water line on Patterson Road. It needs to be signed over to the Town ASAP.

Supervisor Legault wants the water line located off of Maple Street to also have an easement. It should be handled the same as the Curran property off of Patterson Road.

Councilman Thompson inquired about the status of the expired contract with Steve Siddon (Valley Water Solutions). The Town Attorney agrees that the contract should be updated ASAP.

There were more leaks than normal this winter – the weather was a definite factor.

Clerk Orosz distributed the waste and revenue reports for 2017.

Councilman Carroll asked the Town Attorney about the fire department/ rescue squad issues. Attorney Gustafson stated that the wording that the fire department gave to the Board Members was a portion of something- some old wording maybe. The wording does not apply.

Moved by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Thompson and duly carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Cameron

Town Clerk