

REGULAR MEETING, MUNICIPAL BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Present

Commissioners: Blackler, Blackwell, Dolmatch, Hall, Moffa, and DMO Lotkowitz.

Others Present

Cliff Abrams 37 State Street
Ellen Leahy Skaneateles Journal Editor *arrived at 7:45

Minutes

Comm. Dolmatch made a motion to approve the August 16, 2010 meeting minutes. Comm. Hall seconded the motion. Unanimously, they were approved 3-0. Comm. Blackler and Comm. Blackwell abstained, due to not being present at last month's meeting.

Cryptosporidium-UV / Mechanical Design Proposal Bid Award

DMO Lotkowitz said the only update he had on this topic is that the spec, according to Kevin at Stearns and Wheler, is about 25% complete. Comm. Hall asked what is lacking. DMO Lotkowitz said they are going to call us for our input after our visit to the Jordan-Elbridge site. Spatial requirements amongst other concerns will be discussed after the Trojan visit, which also hasn't happened. Comm. Blackwell asked where the spec. fits in on DMO Lotkowitz's handout. DMO Lotkowitz noted that the equipment purchase document completion date has come and gone. Comm. Blackwell agreed that Aug. 16th, has passed and we are only 25% there. DMO Lotkowitz confirmed that the bid spec. was supposed to be prepared by 8/16/10 and once the documents are ready, we will go out to bid. Comm. Dolmatch asked what the new projected date for the equipment purchase document's completion is. DMO Lotkowitz said that he didn't know and would have to work on it. Comm. Moffa said that to some extent its contingent on the site visit to Jordan Elbridge, as their Trojan set up is quite large. Comm. Hall asked when the visit is scheduled for. DMO Lotkowitz said the Mayor is bird-dogging that and will be rescheduling it. Comm. Blackwell asked who is driving this project. DMO Lotkowitz said he, himself, is, but Mayor Green is interfacing it. Comm. Blackwell asked if the board should be prodding him to move it along. Comm. Hall asked if the handout's schedule is okay to slip along. Comm. Dolmatch stated that we are five weeks behind on the equipment purchase documents, right now, if they were done that day, which they are not. He asked how much longer before the documents would be done. DMO Lotkowitz said not until the end of the month. Comm. Dolmatch calculated we will be six weeks behind then and asked if everything on the schedule will slide ahead six weeks or will time have to be made up somewhere else. DMO Lotkowitz announced that there is nine months worth of slack time in the current schedule. Comm. Moffa explained that the Trojan system does not need to be up and running in order to determine our size requirements. He continued explaining to the board that Stearns and Wheler has identified that the Severn Trent unit is larger and takes up more room and that the Jordan-Elbridge folks stated that they were surprised by the amount of space their Trojan unit required, as well. Comm. Hall asked why we can't ask them to just send us over some digital photos. Comm. Moffa said that it's not as simple as that, he feels since they are so close, we should just go over and look at it. Comm. Dolmatch noted that the clearances and the spatial limitations are the issue. Comm. Moffa said that the message should be sent to Jordan-Elbridge that even if their system isn't up and running could they relent and let us at least come over and see the size requirements.

Comm. Dolmatch would like to watch bulb replacement. It is understood that bulb replacement will not be needed for quite some time with their system and we can't hold our visit up to wait for that. Comm. Hall asked what the bulb's size is. Comm. Moffa said that he hasn't seen Trojan's comparable units, but the one's he's seen are three inches in diameter or less. DMO Lotkowitz stated that the Trojan units are perpendicular to the flow. Comm. Dolmatch asked about the casing. Comm. Moffa said he's seen the bulbs in a Wastewater environment, perpendicular to the flow, but he's not sure about the placement of the bulb in a water treatment environment. The Severn Trent unit's bulb is parallel to the flow. DMO Lotkowitz said the distance from flange to flange in the Trojan unit is narrower. Comm. Blackwell asked what the differences are and wanted to verify that we chose the more efficient unit. Comm. Moffa explained that we haven't chosen a technology yet; we're still gathering information. The visit to Jordan Elbridge will assist in that, as well. The Severn Trent unit is being looked at closely due to the energy costs and its ability to turn off and on frequently without a lot of wear and tear on the unit.

Comm. Dolmatch asked about the pressure and what the medium pressure refers to on the handout, will the bulb be submerged, like a submarine. DMO Lotkowitz said it's referring to the pressure inside the bulb not the environment around the bulb. Comm. Dolmatch then asked what the outlet pressure is of our pumps. DMO looked up the pressure to be 125psi. Comm. Blackwell asked if that is the maximum. DMO Lotkowitz said that the pressure is regulated by a valve. Comm. Hall noticed the cost difference between the companies shown on the cost analysis handout. DMO Lotkowitz said that the spreadsheets are being worked on by Stearns & Wheler. Comm. Blackwell asked if all of the companies listed have been approved by the State, Feds +/-or County. Comm. Moffa replied that they had. Comm. Blackwell asked if there is an operating cost outline, with initial costs listed. DMO Lotkowitz stated that the handout was inclusive of both, as well as equipment costs. The commissioners noted the large differences, and commented that they hoped they were comparing apples to apples here. Comm. Moffa said that he expected DMO Lotkowitz was double checking to see that we were. Comm. Moffa stated that Stearns & Wheler reminded us the Severn Trent unit has added piping costs due to the room requirements. DMO Lotkowitz said \$80,000. should be added to their estimate, but all the other company's costs are correct. Comm. Blackwell noted that the handout didn't include all costs then. DMO Lotkowitz stated that the cost is buried on another spreadsheet down below in his pile of information. The board asked that the spreadsheet be updated for next meeting. Comm. Blackler asked if they are all 2 MGD (2 Million Gallons / Day) Comm. Moffa replied that they were. Comm. Blackwell asked if there were any other defining calculations or evaluations besides the costs that would lean them towards a company other than Severn Trent. DMO Lotkowitz stated that service is a factor that isn't in the spreadsheets, but will be in the specs; parts availability and lamp life are also. Comm. Blackwell wants to know if these questions have been asked of all and if the answers are written down somewhere; is there anything outstanding that he is considering. DMO Lotkowitz said that they were. Calgon has to come from Pittsburgh. Trojan and Severn Trent are more local; one out of Rochester, and one out of Syracuse. Comm. Dolmatch wants a month to month analysis to be done that would include the costs of the incremental purchased power that will "up" the costs of the operation, possibly significantly. Comm. Blackwell asked if the Severn Trent's operating cost includes their increased power usage to operate. DMO Lotkowitz said that it does. Comm. Hall asked what fails on these units, just the bulbs. Does the company need to come to change a bulb? How often do they need to be changed? He doesn't see lamp life in the spreadsheet of costs. DMO Lotkowitz said it might be shown in the average cost per year. There is a bulb replacement cost listed somewhere and they last for four years, so he thinks they have the cost averaged out per year. Comm. Blackwell asked if they all have a warranty and if so, how do they differ. DMO Lotkowitz said that is a very good point, he doesn't know yet and he will check into it. Comm. Blackwell asked that he please check that.

Comm. Dolmatch asked if there is a flow induced vibration involved with these types of units due to the hydraulics and the flow through the unit. This often happens when a straight-line flow from upstream comes into the plant and turns around an elbow or complicated configuration and creates a "chatter" or vibration. DMO Lotkowitz said that we have to recreate the proper diameters upstream and downstream otherwise we don't meet the specifications of the unit. DMO Lotkowitz said that we could "void" the costly tests that are done to prove the unit works. Comm. Moffa explained that we do have to provide for a smooth transition of the entrance velocity with any of these units.

Comm. Blackwell asked if there was a Severn Trent visit and if we have seen one of their units. Comm. Moffa explained that he and DMO Lotkowitz went to Severn Trent, but that a unit for a Water Treatment Plant is not available to be seen. They have waste water units here in the United States, but their water treatment units aren't close by. Comm. Blackwell inquired if their waste water units would parallel our needs, are there obstacles; was an evaluation done. Comm. Moffa said that we haven't been able to do an evaluation due to the distance: California, Texas, Scotland and England. Severn Trent is located near Philadelphia, but we have a great history with them, as they've operated our Wastewater Plant for many years. Comm. Hall stated that they don't have a large "installed" base, as this is a new product offering. Comm. Moffa said this technology is coming from Europe, where there are many installations of this type. Comm. Blackwell asked if a phone call, at least, has been made to California and Texas. Comm. Moffa said that Stearns & Wheler were asked to research current installations. DMO Lotkowitz said the last he knew they were calling England. Comm. Blackwell wondered if they have called the US companies in California and Texas. DMO Lotkowitz said not that he was aware of.

Comm. Blackwell asked if he was aware that they are planning on doing so. DMO Lotkowitz said no. Comm. Blackwell asked if he would request that they do. DMO Lotkowitz said he would. Comm. Blackwell said that when you think about it, a trip to Texas is not that big a deal if it comes down to saving \$60,000 annually. He asked everyone if they thought he was right. Comm. Hall agreed. Comm. Blackwell asked that they look at the spreadsheet again and identify the operating costs. DMO Lotkowitz said that the operating costs are like \$1600.00 per year. Comm. Moffa said to DMO Lotkowitz that if he looks at the present worth costs, which include capital and O & M (operation and maintenance); he assumed that they put their piping costs in there too. DMO Lotkowitz said that the piping costs are on a different spreadsheet. Comm. Moffa said he'd like that checked on, as he thought they accommodated those costs there. DMO Lotkowitz determined that the \$80,000. for additional piping costs ARE shown properly on the spreadsheet and included in the Severn Trent's costs listed on the spreadsheet; the reverse of what he previously reported. Comm. Blackwell asked what about the other company's additional costs. DMO Lotkowitz said that it's not applicable, NA. Comm. Blackwell questioned if NA means \$0.00 (zero). DMO Lotkowitz said yes, \$0.00 additional costs. Comm. Blackwell requested that it be labeled as \$0.00 rather than NA. Comm. Moffa said that is what we are trying to confirm. We're hearing that the Trojan unit has taken up more room and could require similar extra piping situations. With all things considered, at this point, if we look at all of the present worth comparisons, there are still significant savings. Comm. Blackwell asked what the time frame is for the present value. DMO Lotkowitz said 20 years. Comm. Blackler said that the equipment costs may be a reason to go out to Texas. Comm. Moffa stated the only reason why you go out 20 years with O&M is that lots of times it's underestimated, you run it out for the reasonable longevity of the equipment and EPA guidelines normally require you to go out 20 years.

Comm. Dolmatch asked if the power consumption values on the spreadsheet are understood; why do they have such odd relationships to each other. Comm. Blackwell and Comm. Moffa noticed the power consumptions comparisons are off, as well. Comm. Dolmatch continued to explain to DMO Lotkowitz how different costs shown are compared with different time frames. He doesn't understand why. Comm. Moffa agreed that it shows Severn Trent's goes way up and the others go way down. Comm. Blackwell said the chart really needs some work. Comm. Hall noted that this chart will be labeled as a "preview-rough draft". Comm. Blackwell and Comm. Dolmatch would like Stearns & Wheler to review the chart and correct their comparisons. DMO Lotkowitz agreed to same.

Comm. Moffa asked if DMO Lotkowitz had reached any outstanding conclusions on the comparisons he did on the head loss calculations. DMO Lotkowitz said he just briefly looked at them; he has to go through it again. It has to do with the pump issue and what we are going to do on the pumps. It's really kind of nebulous right now, whether or not we can actually use that grant. He feels he may have been a little aggressive on the savings. It's something he wants to double check.

Comm. Dolmatch asked again for clarification on the present values listed on the spreadsheet, with respect to the total annual operating costs. It looks to him like the operating cost gets multiplied by 20 and added to the equipment cost. He asked if he is figuring it correctly; with no assumption for the time value of money or the discount. Comm. Moffa answered that is why it says present worth. It brings everything back to present value. You don't get into future dollars at all. Comm. Blackler said that a rate has to be determined to get there. Comm. Dolmatch said that normally the discount rate on a cash flow is based on the differential between the projected inflation vs. what the prospected investment value of the money is. Sometimes it is assumed it's the same and sometimes a differential is assumed. Comm. Moffa said that this has always been a complication. That's why you use present worth comparisons; which takes the number of years you incur that particular cost and multiplies it. That's the present worth of that operation's maintenance over 20 years, added to your capital. Comm. Blackwell said that wasn't the question asked by Comm. Dolmatch. He feels the question is what the discount rate is. If the rate is low, the calculation favors the low rather than the high. Comm. Moffa said it may. Comm. Blackwell said it may and it will, that is why he feels Stearns & Wheler should answer that question. The 20 year period has been answered, but not what the discount is. Comm. Moffa asked how that can be projected. Comm. Blackwell said that it can be and must be projected.

Comm. Dolmatch agreed and again Comm. Blackwell said that it must be calculated with a rate and disagrees that the present worth comparisons on the spreadsheet are satisfactory. Comm. Dolmatch stated that not using a rate assumes that it's the same and it's not. DMO Lotkowitz said that when he redoes the calculations he will show on a yearly basis the expenses and all of the details that have been discussed. Comm. Blackler reiterated that the rate is important. It is agreed that the whole topic will be revisited next meeting with an improved spreadsheet. Discussion continued on the cost of our electricity, the way our resident's utility bills are calculated and the way the spreadsheet projects our power costs for this project. Comm. Blackler asked how many months per year our Village purchases the extra power at the higher rate. DMO Lotkowitz replied that six months out of the year we purchase power at the higher rate. Comm. Moffa asked DMO Lotkowitz if the spreadsheet's costs include labor. DMO Lotkowitz made note of Comm. Moffa's request. Comm. Blackwell asked if he would report back with the answer at the next meeting. Everyone present agreed to move on. * Ellen Leahy arrived.

Corrective Actions for Electric Substation Deficiencies

While referring to his handout, DMO Lotkowitz explained that everything on the HMT Report was completed except for the two underground items. "Clough Harbour & Associates said that the temperature difference on the two undergrounds was so minuscule, that it was unlikely there was a big problem. It may have been that there was a slight imbalance when the temperatures were taken. They said that when we have the opportunity, we should re-tighten those elbows. DMO Lotkowitz described what was done referencing the HMT report list. He said all items were completed not including the underground work for the reason described above by CHA. In the substation, we did all of the dead end bells, there were about 80 of them. We were assisted by one man from Groton and the three men from Greene, (2:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m.). It was really a deal. The agreement we have with them is that we pay them for their overtime only; for the work that they do, no other expenses, not even their truck time or anything like that. We did a little bit more outside the station, too. We replaced some of these insulators that were up there, some were cracked and they were cracking, it was really an accident waiting to happen." Comm. Dolmatch asked if DMO Lotkowitz received any feedback from anyone in the village as to real or perceived impact of the shutdown. DMO Lotkowitz said that only one person called him. It was the IT Dept. up at the school. Apparently he didn't know about the shutdown ahead of time. Comm. Blackwell asked how the PSC enters into this type of inspection, with their regulations. He asked if we have a report we need to provide that says everything is fine. DMO Lotkowitz said he didn't know, this is the first time he's been involved with this type of thing. Comm. Blackwell asked if he could check into it. DMO Lotkowitz stated that he would. Comm. Blackwell asked when we are to be inspected again. DMO Lotkowitz answered next year, he's going to ask HMT to come out sooner to inspect the reclosers. It's another piece of the program he wants to make sure we are in compliance with. They are 30 years old and he wants to be sure we are okay on those. Comm. Blackwell commented that if they are 30 years old, he would expect they've been looked at prior to this. He asked what HMT said about them with this recent report in June. DMO Lotkowitz stated that they didn't report on them. Comm. Blackwell asked for clarification on that comment. DMO Lotkowitz didn't see that they had looked at the reclosers in any of the past reports that he looked up. Comm. Blackwell wondered if we have to direct HMT what they inspect each time, what their criteria is. DMO Lotkowitz said that they follow a matrix that they create. Comm. Blackwell asked DMO Lotkowitz to clarify HMT's charter with us. DMO Lotkowitz said that they are hired to inspect the substation and perform testing and recommend repairs. Comm. Blackwell understood that DMO Lotkowitz is concerned about the reclosers and appreciates that fact, but tried to inquire if the Village may be paying HMT to inspect everything and if they are missing the reclosers, we shouldn't have to pay them additionally to inspect something they should already be inspecting. Comm. Blackler asked who drew up the proposal. Comm. Blackwell asked who accepted it. DMO Lotkowitz said that HMT draws it up and he, himself, signs it and inspecting the reclosers was not on it. Comm. Blackler asked why they didn't inspect the reclosers. DMO Lotkowitz doesn't know why, he didn't ask, they are a competent firm that inspects all over, including Cornell. He continued that they recommended that we do some other infrared testing and some other things. Comm. Blackwell said he knows they are reputable, but them overlooking something that is bothersome to DMO Lotkowitz concerns him.

Comm. Dolmatch asked that DMO Lotkowitz check with Clough Harbour & Assoc. to see if inspecting reclosers is a normal; annual, 2-yr, 5-yr or 10-yr inspection item. He knows there are industry standards and he would like DMO Lotkowitz to find out if our proposal is standard or maybe substandard. DMO Lotkowitz repeated that he is going to have them inspected anyway, as it hasn't been done in over 10 years. Comm. Blackwell said he understood, they all want the reclosers inspected, especially since he has noticed a deficiency. He repeated that Comm. Dolmatch has asked that he contact CHA first and find out what the normal inspection frequency is for inspecting reclosers, if any.

Stimulus Bill-Status of Applications

DMO Lotkowitz has no report. He said that Albany is still debating on what they are going to do.

Status of Village Proposal to PSC (increase electric rates)

Due to Trustee Angelillo's absence, there was no report. Comm. Moffa asked if DMO Lotkowitz has contacted Trustee Angelillo to see if this item is being worked on. DMO Lotkowitz doesn't know when it originally appeared on the agenda; it was back when Sally was Village Clerk. Discussion ensued on the Village's process for billing our resident's power consumption and the excess power we purchase. Comm. Dolmatch explained that the municipalities' rates are determined much like the State Pension Fund. Comm. Moffa would like to have the development of rates put on the next agenda, if all agree, rather than get into a discussion on calculations now. Comm. Moffa and Comm. Blackwell asked if DMO Lotkowitz would contact Trustee Angelillo and see what his status on this topic is. It was decided to remove the item from the agenda after the next meeting depending on their discussion.

Status of NYPA Solar Power System Host Site

DMO Lotkowitz stated that he has written the RFP (Request for Proposal) and he's going to send it out to the prospective list of folks who can do this work. There are at least three or four on the list, but he doesn't know how to get the word out there. Comm. Moffa replied that he thinks if he just sends the RFP's to each of those four that should give us a pretty good basis. DMO Lotkowitz said the proposal is for a turn-key system and requires services that provide special and technical skills for the proper system installation and the commissioning. He continued that he got the proposal from another company in New York State and they did quite well with it. Comm. Blackwell asked if there is a cost benefit analysis that the board can look at for this project. DMO Lotkowitz said that he will get that after he gets the final costs. Comm. Blackwell asked if we have the benefits and DMO Lotkowitz said we do have benefits. Comm. Blackwell asked what the output of the Village is and what the benefits are. DMO Lotkowitz said he didn't have the sheets with him that shows those numbers. Comm. Blackwell said that before this project gets too far along he thinks the board should be able to see the Villages' output and expected benefits from the project, and have the ability to review it. Comm. Moffa said that once we get the proposals we will have a basis for review. He said that you need to have proposals before you can analyze. Comm. Blackwell said that is not necessarily so. Usually, there is a generic cost benefit analysis done ahead of the proposals that shows where we think we should be and why we want to move forward with proposals; something that shows worthwhile benefit to the Village- grant or no grant. Comm. Moffa disagreed and said he thinks there's an awful lot of information out there with good possibilities to be considered. We should let these people provide that. DMO Lotkowitz stated that we will have the right to reject any or all proposals if they are beyond our budget. He's looking at \$1 per Watt as a budget; or less than that. Comm. Blackwell asked what the basis is for that amount. DMO Lotkowitz replied that it could be paid back in less than five years. Comm. Blackwell said that information is exactly what he is looking for; information that the whole board can review and discuss. He asked what DMO Lotkowitz asked for in the RFP. DMO Lotkowitz said he is not asking for a price. He said he is asking for their best price, and then we will review the proposals. Comm. Blackwell asked what the guidelines are in the RFP's. DMO Lotkowitz said that all the information is in the RFP. Comm. Blackwell stated that he hasn't seen the RFP, has it been handed out yet. DMO Lotkowitz just finished the RFP that day and he is still working on it. Comm. Dolmatch said that he saw an article that some of the Chinese thin-film solar arrays were having some real problems. He doesn't remember the name specifically, but it was a desert array and the film was scoured or the film was scratched by sand. These are the next generation of solar electric panels and they may not be there yet. Comm. Moffa stated that some of these technologies have been tested for a few years; this is precisely why these proposals are going out; to get some basis of comparison. Comm. Blackwell asked if this would be discussed next month, before the proposals go out. DMO Lotkowitz said that he had to send the proposals out pretty quickly.

Comm. Blackwell said that he would like to review it prior to it being sent out. Comm. Moffa said that there is enough information in his RFP, that he has been working for the last two months to get information back and be reviewed by all after. DMO Lotkowitz said that he will copy Comm. Blackwell on the RFP prior to sending out. His deadline to do something in order to not lose the grant is the end of the year. Comm. Hall referred to the agenda (topic E1) and asked DMO Lotkowitz if he had talked to Attorney Byrne regarding the possibility of being a distributor of Warner PV equipment. DMO Lotkowitz said that he didn't have any news on that.

Battery Presentation (New Business)

DMO Lotkowitz announced that he was approached by a man at the MEUA conference who introduced him to a battery made by Hitachi that may be of interest for the Village. It uses the storage capacity of the battery to keep our Hydro-allocated power constant. He explained that we can increase our Hydro allocation by storing power during our "valley" times to use during our "peak" times. Comm. Moffa said it sounds like a rechargeable battery that can lessen your peaking factor. DMO Lotkowitz is going to get more information on it, but it sounds like a win-win situation. Comm. Moffa explained that we have the ability to do this right now, when we pump water up to our towers. If we could choreograph our pump times with the lower times of usage, we could flush out the storage capacity, manage the utilization of the power to use for the times we fill the water tanks.

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DMO Lotkowitz referred to the handout and read aloud that water meter installation is now 35% completely installed and electric meters are 95% completely installed as of 9/13/10. We are still not complete on the Billing Interface. The Network configuration and router will not be taking place this month. It will probably happen next month, when their technician comes up here and helps with a litany of issues, including demand meters. Village resident Cliff Abrams asked DMO Lotkowitz if he's considered hiring an outside contractor to finish installing the water meters; the rate they are going it will be another five years. DMO Lotkowitz said that we are going to hit them hard this winter. The town is way behind us; they are only at about 5%, so it doesn't make a difference. We are going to start scheduling appointments again on a daily basis. Comm. Moffa stated that DMO Lotkowitz is projecting to be completed at the end of May 2011. Comm. Blackwell asked if that was correct, the end of May 2011 is his projected water meter fully-installed date. DMO Lotkowitz said that he guessed so; for right now that is his date. May 31, 2011. Comm. Dolmatch asked if the water dept employees still need to do the second phase of the West Lake Street project next spring. DMO Lotkowitz said that they were involved with that and wouldn't be available for the first six weeks or so starting in May. Comm. Dolmatch then calculated that the handout's date should show either 4/30/11 or 7/31/11 to avoid that 6 weeks in May. DMO Lotkowitz said that wouldn't be the case, as he will have one water employee available. He doesn't want to come up with a schedule right now. He may have water meters installed two days a week. He's not sure right now, the DPW crews can install water lines on West Lake Street. Comm. Dolmatch said what the board needs is to be presented with a clearer articulation of these assumptions as to how to get there, because picking a date is just picking a date. For example: They are going to install so many a week for so many weeks. Comm. Blackwell asked how many meters we have left to install. DMO Lotkowitz said that we have installed 300 and we have 1100 total to do. Comm. Dolmatch calculated the remaining 800 meters would have to be installed at a rate of 100 per each of the next eight months to be complete. Comm. Blackwell asked if we are at that pace now. DMO Lotkowitz said that we are not; we were at 6-7 per day. Comm. Blackwell asked what we are doing now. DMO Lotkowitz said nothing is being installed right now; they are working on other issues in the system. Comm. Blackwell asked how "looking at other issue" stops the water dept. from installing water meters. DMO Lotkowitz said that we are not installing this week; next month we will be installing about 6 a day. That is what has been done in the past. With vacations and all that, we may only get 25 done per week. DMO Lotkowitz said that Mr. Abrams brought up a good point. He may have to hire outside help to finish the installations. Comm. Blackwell said that he is over budget now, he advised him to be careful with that. He is way over. We committed to do it with existing forces, Comm. Blackwell stated. DMO Lotkowitz said he will have to go to the board, depending on how fast they want to get this done. We are basically, except for the odd-ball meters in electric, done with electric meter installations. He said he is ahead of his projected date of 12/31/10.

He suggested the electric dept. could install water meters. He said if we had two crews we could make a big impact. Comm. Blackwell said that sounds way better. Comm. Moffa said there's no reason why we can't have electrical employees do that. DMO Lotkowitz said that the DPW workers need to be trained in the distribution system anyway, that was part of their job reclassification. He continued that 30 meters a week could get installed, if we had two teams. Comm. Blackwell asked what has happened with the billing interface since the last meeting. Has anything changed? DMO Lotkowitz started to recap the last meetings discussion regarding the demand meter problems. Comm. Blackwell asked if they are interfacing with the billing yet. DMO Lotkowitz said that they are getting into billing, as planned, but there are some issues on the water side that has to be dealt with. Some meters have four digits, some meters have six digits. They have to be adjusted to accommodate the system. Comm. Moffa asked what the outcome is on the credit for the 21 bad meters returned in April. DMO Lotkowitz said he doesn't have a credit just yet, but we are getting a credit.

Insulation Program IEEP/NYPA

DMO Lotkowitz said the NY Power authority still does not have an agreement in place. They apologized at the MEUA conference, but they still need to work on it.

CNY Climate Change Innovation Program

DMO Lotkowitz said that he sent the application in for that grant back in August. He thinks we are in the running for a small community grant. There are two parts of the grant. First part we will be provided with the money to purchase software to inventory the greenhouse gases we emit. We can monitor it on the municipal level or on the communitywide level. They will provide the consulting to help us get that done. The second step is that we would receive up to a \$30,000. grant to implement energy savings measures. DMO Lotkowitz then read aloud a portion of his letter applying for the grant.

Tennis Court Lights

Comm. Blackwell asked how he plans to handle the tennis court lights. DMO Lotkowitz said that he purchased timers to install. Comm. Blackwell asked when. DMO Lotkowitz said they would install them after the season was over, he didn't really know. Comm. Blackwell said seriously they are on all the time, there's nobody up there. Comm. Hall said that the Labor Day fireworks were going off next to the lights while they were on. Comm. Blackwell said this is basic stuff, places we could save money. DMO Lotkowitz said that someone changed the program right around Labor Day. Comm. Blackwell asked who has that program. DMO Lotkowitz said that it's in the box. Someone changed it to light up the parking lot. Comm. Dolmatch offered that maybe it was done by the Recreation Dept. DMO Lotkowitz said that it's been that way for 30 years, but he is going to make a change.

Notre Dame University (NDU)-Design Charettes

Comm. Dolmatch summarized that he and Comm. Moffa attended the charette session on 9/15/10. A lot of the design focus was on the Eastern and Western Gateways and on Fennell St. There was discussion about the patterns of sprawl and development that exist in the rural areas such as Sheppard Settlement and the Hamlets. A lot of good work was done that they will be refining and developing. The key issue that relates to concerns of the municipal board would be the Wastewater Treatment capacity development for areas of the town. This is more to assess the control of the development pressures rather than to foster them. The design approach for the NDU is to integrate community living within the retail and business districts and to promote decreased emissions by limiting the necessity to get into your car to go everywhere and do everything. Constructed wetlands were the design professor's way to take care of Wastewater dilemmas, which Comm. Meffa was quick to point out will not work in an area that freezes over. Comm. Moffa continued to say that the ideas that they offered have use, but not validity. Some of the things that could, would and should happen will not. Their Fennell St. solution was too tear down buildings, build on people's lots, effecting cross easements; waving magic wands basically. The Comprehensive committee's job now is to decide how to take their input and use it constructively. He will try to keep the board posted on upcoming events that pertain to their progress.

Next Meeting

Comm. Moffa noted that the next meeting will be on October 18, 2010.

Adjournment

Comm. Dolmatch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Comm. Blackwell. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Audrey C. Clark".

Audrey C. Clark
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer