

SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
NORTH CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
October 19, 2015

Board Members Present: Mayor David Hazelton
Trustee J. Dale Abram
Trustee Bryan Woleben
Trustee Gary Planty

Present: Sonia Luszczak, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Vince Horrigan, Chautauqua County Executive
Richard Henry III, P.E. Senior Vice President, Clark Patterson Lee
Dr. Peter Reinelt, SUNY Professor and Municipal Water Specialist
Bill Riveria Anthony Sobczak
Cynthia Sobczak Daniel Schrantz
Thomas DeJoe Charles Trombetta
Craig Miller Jim Rizzo, Jr.
Kirk Smith Sparky Musso
Harold Smith Bill Westin
James Jordan Clifford Borst, Sr.
Lynette Borst Beverly Adzimo
Stanley Kawski Lyn Majkowski
Dennis Dorogi Ann Belcher, Observer
Peggy Szczukowski Joseph Giambra
Nick Rizzo, Sr. Steven Smith
Mark Odell

Mayor Hazelton opened the special meeting/public meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:04 p.m.

There was an introduction of Chautauqua County Executive, Vince Horrigan, Rick Henry III P.E. Senior Vice President, Clark, Patterson, Lee and Dr. Peter Reinelt, SUNY Professor of Economics and Municipal Water Specialist.

The Mayor handed out a sheet showing the debt that the Village would carry if we stayed on our own and updated the Water Plant. It would cost around 7-8 million dollars to renovate the plant. If we were to lose the Town of Portland and Lakeview Shock as customers we would need to increase our water costs to as much as \$15.52 just to cover the debt as well as the costs to produce the water.

Vince Horrigan, Chautauqua County Executive, began by thanking Mayor Hazelton and the Village Board for the opportunity to come and provide information and answers to any questions regarding the North Chautauqua County Water District. Mr. Horrigan went on to explain how the North Chautauqua County Water District came to be. Mr. Horrigan introduced Rick Henry from Clark Patterson and Lee.

Rick Henry went through his presentation explaining how the District would work and who will serve on the Water District Board of Directors. There was in-depth discussion regarding how the rate was calculated at which time Dr. Peter Reinelt, Professor at SUNY explained how they came up with the formula and felt that it was in the best interest of the Village of Brocton to proceed with the North Chautauqua County Water District. The more customers that go into the District, the lower the cost, so Mr. Horrigan stated that it is imperative that we all move on this quickly. The analogy that he used was the more water that is made the cheaper the cost.

A map was shown of what would be considered to be the North Chautauqua County Water District. Rick Henry showed what water lines would be added to connect all of the Municipalities and Towns with the Town of Dunkirk Water Plant. There will be a tank located at the water plant in Brocton for storage.

The Mayor and the Board asked several questions regarding the amount of water that is being used and how they came up with the costs. There was a question as to how the cost of the debt service was being figured and if the cost would go up? Mr. Horrigan figured the cost was .90 cents for debt and .10 cents for capital reserve so \$1.00 of the cost was used for that.

Questions from the public ranged from can Dunkirk plant currently handle the added water usage now, if Fredonia were to come on board there would not have to be any additional upgrades to Dunkirk Water Plant as they could handle the volume. The 40 years of the water contract was questioned and if it would change the cost. Mr. Horrigan explained that everyone in the district would be responsible for the cost. We are all in. Another question was raised if there would be master meters for the Village of Brocton and the Town of Portland. The answer was yes. There is a possibility that the district would take over the billing portion later down the road. Someone asked what the total gallons used would be in the District - The answer was 271,000 gallons. Dunkirk water plant currently can produce 6 ½ million gallons a day. Another question was asked about recommissioning the reservoir and could it be done. The Mayor went on to explain that the DEC had been at the Dam for inspection and the same question was asked the DEC and according to them it can be done. A question was asked if there was a problem at the Dunkirk Water Plant could not produce water what would be a back-up source to provide water to the Village of Brocton. According to Rick Henry, the Village currently does not have a back-up source so this would be an expensive venture. With the tank that will be housed in Brocton, it should hold one day's worth of water for emergencies should it be needed. A question was asked if Westfield would be coming on board. At this point it appears that it could be two years down the road for that.

After further discussions, the Mayor and the Board of Trustees thanked all of the people that attended the special meeting and the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted by
Sonia Luszczak
Village Clerk/Treasurer